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## Gailey suffers heart attack



By Christopher Gooley/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Football Head Coach Chan Gailey is recovering from a heart attack he suffered while playing racquetball at the CRC Monday morning.

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

Head Football Coach Chan Gailey, 53, suffered a heart attack Monday morning during a racquetball game at the CRC. He is expected to make a full recovery.

"[Gailey] was playing racquetball at the CRC...and he experienced some chest pains and some pain down his left arm," said Dave Braine, director of Athletics.

Fast thinking and quick action, however, staved off what could have been a more dire result.

"He was smart enough to call our trainer, and he went over to our health center, where two doctors there helped him," Braine said. "He was smart enough and he did the right things at the right times, and he had the right doctors and the right equipment."

Gailey is "resting comfortably... following Monday's angioplasty," according to a Tech news release.

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## State legislature allocates \$4.9 million for Old CE renovation



By Wei Liao/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Old CE building was constructed in 1939. Funding for renovations is making its way through the state legislature.

By Alexandra Pajak  
Contributing Writer

The state legislature recently passed two appropriation bills allocating \$4.9 million for the renovation of Tech's Old Civil Engineering building.

If final approval for the funding is given during the 2006 fiscal year, the building will reach completion sometime during 2007.

Once renovated, the building may eventually become the new home of the Ivan Allen College.

Earlier this year the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives of Georgia each approved the funding in separate appropriation bills. However, Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue did not approve the initial proposal from Tech, so a budget committee was formed within the legislature.

"A conference committee

of representatives—three from the House and three from the Senate—will work out the differences in the two versions of the appropriation bills," said Andrew Harris, Jr., director of Government Relations. "That process of the conference committee will begin in the next week or 10 days."

Harris said he remains "optimistic" that the House, the Senate and Perdue will approve the funding.

The Old Civil Engineering building is largely unused due to the state of its disrepair. Only two classes are currently held on the premises, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences 1600 and 1601. It housed the School of Modern Languages briefly last year, but the school relocated to O'Keefe.

Renovations will include exterior alterations such as brick work

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## Man harasses women at library

By Amanda Dugan  
Staff Writer

Over the past several weeks, there have been four incidents of unwanted physical contact in the library, according to the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD).

"There have been four reports of girls being approached by an Asian male," said GTPD Lieutenant Ronnie Weaver. The first incident occurred Feb. 21.

Police reports state that the male pretended to have poor English skills. He then asked for assistance from the female victims with some words that

he said he did not understand.

After the victims agreed to assist this individual, he sat next to the women and began to rub their legs. One victim reported that after removing the individual's hand from her leg, he proceeded to rub her leg again.

According to Weaver, GTPD does not want the situation to get any worse than it is.

"There hasn't been anything real serious and we don't want there to be," Weaver said.

The suspect is described in reports as an Asian male approximately six feet tall and of medium build. Re-

ports also identified him as having yellow teeth and a dark mark on his upper lip.

"There have not been any more reports, but it is an ongoing investigation," Weaver said.

At least two of the incidents occurred while the victims were studying on the third floor.

"We've given all the information to library security and they're looking for him. They know to contact us immediately if that happens," Weaver said.

"We are looking for this guy and are continuing to distribute information," Weaver said.

## RHA elects executive board

The Residence Hall Association elected the 2005-2006 executive board Wednesday evening. Sarah Hancock was elected executive president.

Other officers elected include: Nabil Taha, vice president of administration; Chris Swan, vice president of communications; Megan Heaphy, vice president of programming and Tim Gallagher, executive treasurer.

## UHR extends rep. applications cutoff

The deadline for all applications for the position of representative in next year's undergraduate student government has been extended. Applications will now be accepted until 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 29. More information can be found at [www.sga.gatech.edu/elections](http://www.sga.gatech.edu/elections).

## AA seeks new Academic Services director

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

The Athletic Association is in the midst of a search for its second new Academic Services Director in as many years.

Col. Jim Stevens left the position earlier this semester. He was hired in summer 2003 to replace Carole Moore, who left the position after 11 athletes, including 10 football players, were declared academically ineligible.

According to Director of Athletics Dave Braine, Stevens' departure was a personal decision.

"He had retired from the Air Force...and he came here and did a very good job," Braine said. "But I think he found out that he really wanted to completely retire and spend some time with his family." Braine announced that Stevens retired in the Athletic Association's Feb. 24 Board of Directors meeting.

The news of the AA's search for a replacement director of Academic



"To me, this person is a coach. They're the academic coach, and it's the same situation. It's very difficult."

Dave Braine  
Director of Athletics

Services comes on the heels of the release three weeks ago of the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate (APR) report, which scored Tech above average among Division I schools and among public universities. Tech's overall score was exactly at the ACC average.

Braine said Stevens' departure was in no way related to Tech's self-reported NCAA violations last fall, which occurred between the years of 2000 and 2003, before changes in the Academic Services office, which included hiring Stevens as director.

The Athletic Association is paying Stevens his normal salary through the end of the year.

"Because he was on a contract, we did allow him to retire because of circumstances and he will be paid through the end of June," Braine said, noting the circumstances dealt with Stevens' personal life and his ultimate retirement decision.

"He did a good job and it felt like we owed him that," Braine said.

Interviews are currently being conducted to find a replacement for Stevens. Braine said the association has specific qualities in mind for

candidates.

"We are looking for a person that has a great deal of experience running an academic advising unit at a Division I institution," Braine said.

"We've talked to quite a few people who look promising," Braine said. Nonetheless, he added, "Until we've got it narrowed down, I can't say anything more on that."

Braine said the hiring process for the position is an important one. "To me, it's like hiring a head coach."

He said any candidate for the position needs to have a good track record at the schools for which he or she has worked.

Braine said such indicators would include student-athletes performing well academically, good graduation rates and "tremendous recommendations."

Braine said the job will be a difficult one due to the academic rigor of Tech.

"This is one of the toughest places

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# Sting Break nets Ludacris

By Haining Yu  
*Assistant News Editor*

Sting Break organizers confirmed this week that Atlanta rapper Ludacris (Chris Bridges) will perform this year at the annual concert in celebration of Student Appreciation Day.

The contract booking the well-known rapper was finalized Wednesday. The concert will take place April 7 at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum at 7 p.m.

Five bands—The Futurists, To Whom it Concerns, DJ Nabb, J.Styllz, Subject2Change and Lazyeye—are scheduled to open the

concert.

“I’m really excited about all the groups that have participated in this and people who have worked to make this happen,” said Matt Trinetti, chair of the Student Center Programs Council Concert Committee.

Twelve Georgia Tech organizations collaborated this year in the planning and funding of Sting Break. This year’s theme is “Sting-Stock: One Day of Peace, Buzz and Music.”

The concert is open to Tech students only, and a valid BuzzCard is required for entry. Various festivities will precede the concert throughout the day.



### Student breaks ankle

On March 5, a male Tech student stumbled upon an unexpected excuse to be late to class when he broke his ankle. The student was playing basketball on the fourth floor of the CRC when the accident occurred. The Dean of Students was notified of the occurrence.

### Accident takes place at GTPD

On March 4, a man bumped into another vehicle while looking for a parking space outside the police department.

The owner of the second vehicle

## From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

could not be located. A card was left stating to notify Georgia Tech Police Department upon arrival at the damaged vehicle.

### Driver hits parking gate

On March 8, a male driver ran into a gate near the Institute of Paper Science and Technology. The man stated that he thought the gate was completely open when he hit it. The man’s vehicle suffered slight damage to the front right bumper. The gate sustained moderate damage.

### Freeman bench stolen

On March 8, a female housing employee reported a damaged wood bench in front of Freeman Residence Hall. The wooden pieces of the bench

had been moved from the steel frame to a nearby trash barrel.

She said that the last time she saw the bench intact was Friday, March 4. The cost to replace the bench is \$500.00.

### Computers stolen

On March 8, a Housing staff member notified GTPD that a former employee had some items belonging to Georgia Tech stolen from their vehicle. The items include an Apple PowerMac G4 and an Apple Cinema display. The incident occurred on February 2, and a report was filed with Dekalb County Police Department.

This week’s campus crime information written by Amanda Dugan

Next issue’s poll question:  
**What did you do for spring break?**  
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*This week’s poll will not appear because of technical difficulties with the Cyberbuzz website.*

## Presentations to mark Teaching Day

A series of poster presentations about teaching innovations will take place at the library main entrance and first floor West Commons Monday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The presentations will be given by both Teaching and graduate and undergraduate STEP Fellows. The event will honor Spring 2004 Hesburgh Award Teaching Fellows, Fall 2004 Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows and 2004 STEP Fellows.

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

# After discussion, Senate tables budget

By Arcadiy Kantor  
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate passed several bills and postponed two in a prolonged, busy meeting Tuesday. Additionally, one bill was withdrawn.

Tuesday's meeting marked the beginning of the senators' discussion of next year's budget, and the lengthy debate resulted in an amendment to the bill.

The amendment focused on a request by the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) for \$7,000 within their budget to go towards training employees in operation of the CLASS software used by the CRC to manage its operations.

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended striking the training expenses from the budget, suggesting that existing staff could train new hires on the intricacies of software operation.

CRC Director Michael Edwards responded that his staff felt the training was a necessity, however.

Several senators supported Edwards' viewpoint, expressing concern that not having staff trained in the operation of a complex software system such as the one used at the CRC could lead to even greater expenses if some part of the system should break down due to users' inexperience.

While several other portions of the CRC's budget were discussed, no further amendments to the budget were passed before the bill got postponed until the next meeting.

Senators also passed a bill allocating \$542 to DanceTech for expenses related to their planned performance at the Ferst Center. The bill was post-

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- Joint chartering of Biomedical Engineering Society
- Joint chartering of Traditional Tae-Kwon-Do Club
- Joint allocation to Tech Rec
- Joint allocation to Gifted Gospel Choir
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- Joint allocation to Men's Ultimate Team
- Appointment of JCOC member

## Bills tabled

- Joint Fiscal Year 2006 Student Activity Fee
- Joint allocation to Industrial Design Society of America

poned last week because SGA has an agreement with the Ferst Center that states SGA will automatically cover any organizational rental fees for events that will be attended by over 500 students.

The Ferst Center failed to notify the club of this requirement, however, and scheduled the performance despite DanceTech only expecting an attendance of approximately 400 students.

Senator Pelham Norville said he spoke with the Ferst Center booking staff and determined that the club had indeed not been notified of the requirements.

As a result, the senators agreed that it should be the Ferst Center's responsibility to waive DanceTech's

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By Stephen Marek/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Provost Jean-Lou Chameau speaks at Tuesday's UHR meeting. He discussed Tech's aims regarding globalization, saying "we want to be known...as one of the best in the world."

## Undergraduate House of Representatives

# Provost discusses global goals

By Nikhil Joshi  
Staff Writer

Provost Jean-Lou Chameau spoke about Tech's goals and finances before the Undergraduate House of Representatives Tuesday night. In the lengthy meeting that followed, the House passed eight bills, appointed a new representative and discussed but tabled a bill detailing the joint Fiscal Year 2006 Student Activity Fee (SAF) Budget for Tier I, II and III organizations.

Chameau began by defining the role of the provost for the students. He explained that his goal is to "promote educational excellence" as the chief academic and budget officer of the Institute.

"Georgia Tech is a very large and complex institution," he said. He added that Tech students perform well; Tech's retention rate for freshmen is 92 percent, and the graduation rate for undergraduates is 72 percent. Chameau also talked about six new degree programs, including three undergraduate-level programs.

Next, he discussed Tech's aims regarding globalization. "We want to be a global university—we want to be known not just as one of the best in the nation but as one of the best

in the world," he said. The International Plan, continued Chameau, is aimed at increasing undergraduate participation abroad.

After discussing these objectives, Chameau provided the representatives with a brief overview of the Institute's finances. He emphasized that although Tech is a public university, less than 25 percent of its sources for expenditures come from the state.

Chameau finished with a history of Tech's buildings, followed by a description of the Institute's newest projects. Since 2000, he said, Tech has built more than 850,000 square feet of academic space.

He also described ongoing initiatives dealing with storm water management. Tech will build artificial lakes for the purpose of reducing the waste contribution to the Atlanta sewer system, eliminating the use of potable water for irrigation and reducing erosion. The project, Chameau said, will be a "visible example of Georgia Tech's sustainability."

The House then moved on to its list of bills after Chameau's presentation. At the start of the meeting, three bills—joint charterings of the Way Campus Fellowship, the Biomedical Engineering Society and the Tradi-

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tional Tae-Kwon-Do Club—were slated together and passed.

The representatives approved these bills almost immediately because they felt that a significant number of students were already involved in the organizations. A

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fourth student organization, the Sophomore Committee at Georgia Tech, was also granted a charter.

Additionally, four more bills were passed to provide organizations with funds.

The largest of these bills was a joint allocation to Tech Rec, the section of the Student Center that offers video games and bowling. The organization asked for funding to pay for the salaries of student assistants. The organizational representative present indicated that it did not receive funding for student assistants last year, but SGA has provided this kind of funding in the past.

After some debate, representatives decided to give the organization only \$3,888 instead of the requested amount in the bill, \$25,920. They decided that it was important to fund the organization because Tech Rec provides many students, especially those without cars, with entertainment.

However, they decided to amend per the Joint Finance Committee, funding only one student assistant for six weeks (the amount of time left in the school year) instead of several assistants for 40 weeks, as written in the bill.

Following additional discussion,

the House amended the bill again to cover two assistants, and passed the measure.

A joint allocation to Gifted Gospel Choir, the first of these, funded a concert event scheduled for the weekend before dead week.

The second, a joint allocation to Dance Tech, was tabled the previous week because the organization had not met the 500 student minimum required for student organizations to freely rent the Ferst Center for its second annual spring concert.

However, the issue was clarified with the Ferst Center and with the organization, and the bill passed with a minor adjustment.

The last one, a joint allocation to Men's Ultimate Team, funded three trips covering expenditures for tournaments in Texas, N.C. and Fla. The bill was passed with little discussion.

After the passage of these bills, representatives discussed in detail the joint Fiscal Year 2006 Student Activity Fee.

They clarified issues with organizational representatives from the Student Center and the CRC, and made several adjustments to the budget. Following this discussion, the bill was tabled.

Finally, Duckett Perrie, a fourth-year Computer Science major, was sworn in as a new representative.

ing Building was first constructed in 1939 and is part of Tech's core historical district, located on South Campus. "The old Coon building was renovated two years ago," Harris said. "The character of the old Coon building is still there. The original doors were stained but remain the same."

Harris said similar efforts will be made to improve the Old Civil Engineering building's construction while maintaining its "character," as well. Harris also pointed to Tech Tower as a historical building on campus that "needs some renovations" in the near future.



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Psychedelic:** Students decorate their own tie-dye T-shirts at Skiles Walkway on Tuesday, March 15. The Student Center Programs Council's Special Events Committee presented students with the opportunity to enjoy ice cream and tie-dye their own shirts to kick off the start of spring.

## May named new head of ECE

By Jennifer Schur  
Executive Editor

By the end of this semester, Gary May, executive assistant to the president, will no longer call the Carnegie building home. Don Giddens, Dean of the College of Engineering (COE), announced late last week that May will replace Roger Webb as the Steve W. Chaddick Chair of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE).

Webb, Ph.D. Electrical Engineering alumnus of the class of '64, has been part of the ECE faculty since 1964. He became the school's Chair in 1990 after serving as its Associate Director from 1978-89. His retirement this year marks the close of his 40-year relationship with the Institute.

Webb's replacement shares a similar educational background, having spent a portion of his academic career at Tech. May (B.S. EE) class of '85,

**"[This position] seemed to be the next logical place for me, essentially going home to my original school."**

**Gary May**  
New ECE chair

earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of California at Berkeley before returning to join

the faculty here. In 2002, he became Institute President Wayne Clough's executive assistant, a job that entails acting as a liaison for the president to his many constituencies on and off campus. In certain situations, May is also responsible for carrying out actions on Clough's behalf.

The president hand-picks his executive assistant; Clough has shown a preference for faculty members in his recent selections. The role is not a "career" job, but more of a stepping stone in the administrative arena, so when the current ECE Chair announced his retirement plans last summer, May said he was encouraged to apply because of "a desire to serve in a leadership capacity in the administration. [This position]

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and window replacements for better energy efficiency within the building. The replacement of the current HVAC system and the installation of new bathroom fixtures are the major interior changes planned.

Fifth-year senior Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISYE) student Jonathan Dorris currently takes EAS 1600 in the Old Civil Engineering building. He said he believes renovations would greatly improve the learning environment. "Overall, it seems to be an old and decrepit building." The Old Civil Engineer-

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rental fees. Some senators said that since SGA will be able to audit the bill the Center will deliver at the conclusion of the year, they will be able to decline to pay for this expense if the Ferst Center charges them.

Later in the meeting, senators addressed a request from Tech Rec to allocate money to help pay wages for student managers and assistants.

The organizational representative explained that Tech Rec has been running at a significant deficit for the past several years, and currently has a deficit of approximately \$20,000.

He said Tech Rec was in the process of raising prices and making cuts in open hours to address the financial issues, but explained that raising prices overnight would lead to a loss of clientele and further deepen the facility's monetary woes.

The bill got a harsh review from the JFC, however, as the funds it

requested were largely intended to be retroactive. As such, the JFC recommended amending the bill to \$1,008, which would help cover Tech Rec's wages for the remainder of the year.

A majority of senators voted to amend the bill as per JFC's recommendations, but one senator introduced an amendment to restore the bill to a sufficient amount to cover Tech Rec's current deficit.

This amendment failed, however, after secretary Mitchel Keller heatedly expressed his opposition to the amendment.

Several senators agreed with Keller, who said it would be fiscally irresponsible to pass such a large bill at this point of the year, particularly with the low level of remaining funds.

Senators also passed bills allocating \$858 to the Gifted Gospel Choir for a performance that will be held in the Student Center. They also passed a bill allocating \$2,547 to the Men's Ultimate club team.

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seemed to be the next logical place for me, essentially going home to my original school."

May was one of four candidates brought to campus for interviews, and became one of three finalists before eventually being awarded the position. As chair, May is the official leader of the 118 faculty and 1,800 students in the School of ECE. He will represent the largest of the nine schools that report to the Dean of the COE.

May's appointment makes him the first African American chair in the COE, and only the second African American school chair at Tech; Willie Pearson of HTS was the first.

This selection also marks the second time a top-ten nationally ranked ECE department will be led by an African American. Mark Smith, the Head of ECE at Purdue University, who received his M.S.

and Ph.D from Tech before becoming a faculty member and executive assistant to the president here, was the first.

As chair, May will be in charge of the school's curriculum, hiring of faculty, facilities and everything

will be facilitated by the school's student advisory board, along with the Industry of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Eta Kappa Nu honor society.

"[Our] program is one of the top 10 in the country, and I'm committed to improving it further, helping it become a top five program. Many things have to be done to make that happen, like hiring the best faculty we can find, enrolling and educating the top students, both graduate and undergrad, and making our school a place that's known for its excellence as well as its supportive environment," May said. After mentioning that he read a recent article in the *Technique* about buildings falling apart that specifically cited ECE's Van Leer building, May said with a laugh, "[I'm also] interested in improving our building." May's replacement will likely be selected by the end of this semester, which means he will be pulling double duty for a few months while Clough searches for a new assistant.

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Gary May  
New ECE chair

that goes into the graduate program. He will also work on development with industry and federal agencies and in the next capital campaign. May's connection to the students

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Jay Shoop, director of sports medicine at the Athletics Association, said, "If progress goes well, he should be back to coaching this spring."

Shoop received Gailey's call Monday morning, and rushed to the scene along with fellow trainer Clay Farr.

When the two arrived, Gailey had already been taken to the Student Health Center, where doctors determined he needed to go to the hospital.

"In just a matter of minutes," Shoop said, "we proceeded to load him and move him on to Piedmont Hospital and make a complete diagnosis through EKG that he was literally having a heart attack at the time."

Gailey was alert throughout much of the ordeal, Shoop said.

"He was good early, and he was alert and himself. But we were all concerned."

Gailey and health services personnel acted just in time, though, as Shoop said that his condition

“I think he was very fortunate...it was certainly a team effort, and everyone did a great job.”

Jay Shoop  
Dir. of sports medicine

worsened once he arrived at the hospital.

"Obviously, he was at the right place at the right time," Shoop said.

In all, some 10 minutes passed between when Gailey first called Shoop and when he arrived at the hospital.

"I think he was very fortunate," Shoop said. "It was certainly a team effort, and everyone did a great job."

While in the hospital, Gailey made the decision for the Jackets to continue with their regularly scheduled practices throughout this week.

The team began spring drills last Friday and was also scheduled to practice yesterday. The team will also practice today and tomorrow, as well, before taking a week off for spring break.

Assistant Head Coach Buddy Geis is taking the helm while Gailey recovers.

"Coach Gailey already had everything set up," Geis said in a press release. "Chan is very organized, so that made it easy."

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to go to in the country because of academics and our curriculum," he said. "To me, this person is a coach. They're the academic coach, and it's the same situation. It's very difficult."

Troy Peace, an academic advisor at the Athletic Association, assumed the role of interim director of Academic Services at the beginning of February, performing the job in addition to his normal duties.

Peace is paid \$1,000 a month in addition to his normal salary to fill both roles.

"I've been very busy," Peace wrote in an email.

"I am still the advisor for [men's basketball and women's basketball] and the cheerleaders, but I think that I'm managing it well," he wrote.

He added that others in the department have been a big help. "My

colleagues have been great and have gone to great effort to assist me in the transition," he wrote.

With Peace at the helm, Braine said he would not have to feel as rushed in hiring a new director.

"I'm willing to assist in the role as long as [Braine] needs me to or until the new director is in place," Peace wrote.

Braine said he does not think the transition period will cause Tech any difficulty with regards to keeping student-athletes eligible.

Peace agreed. "I think that we're in good shape," he wrote.

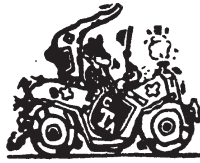
"We have a staff that works well together and with the continued support of our coaches and administration I think that we should be alright...We all try to do what's right on a daily basis and if you're not sure, the Compliance Office is there to answer questions."

Stevens could not be reached for comment.



# OPINIONS

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**Quote of the week:**  
"Time sneaks up on you like a wind-  
shield on a bug."  
—John Lithgow

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION March Madness

A year ago at this time, the Jackets were beginning their incredible run that led to an appearance in the 2004 NCAA Championship game. This year, the Jackets have once again become the team that no one wants to face in the tournament. Tonight the Jackets will face George Washington University in a sold-out game in Nashville.

Coming off the heels of narrow loss to Duke in the ACC Championship game, the Jackets appear to be more than ready to take on the Colonials, and the fans will be behind them every step of the way, win or lose.

The fanbase for the basketball team has been incredible this year, unlike last year when fans didn't really seem to catch on until the tournament began. Long gone are the days when Head Coach Paul Hewitt had to create contests like the Greek Challenge to lure fairweather fans to basketball games. The student section was packed at all of the games this season. In addition, Hewitt and his players have maintained their celebrity status on campus all year that they had obtained from the Final Four last year.

Now with March Madness upon us, it's time for students to step up their game as well and cheer the team on tonight, whether it be from Nashville or from a home couch. Based on the success of the "Paul Hewitt Nation" T-shirts and student tickets selling out for the GWU first-round game on the first day, it doesn't appear that the Jackets will have a problem firing up their fans this year.

Win or lose tonight, students, and the rest of the Tech community, will never forget the joy, excitement and pride that Hewitt, his class of five outstanding seniors, and the rest of the team have brought to us over the past two years.

## A speedy recovery

On Monday, Head Coach Chan Gailey suffered a heart attack, while playing racquetball at the Campus Recreation Center. We would like to extend our best wishes to Coach Gailey and his family. We hope he has a speedy recovery. Additionally, we would like to commend Gailey for his unselfishness and dedication to Tech during this difficult time—he called from the hospital to encourage his team to begin their spring practices as scheduled. The team could have delayed its practices due to a special waiver the NCAA had granted, but Gailey's phone call was motivation enough for the team to push onward with their training. Anyone wishing to send Gailey a get-well card can send it to the Georgia Tech Athletic Association at 150 Bobby Dodd Way, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30332. Get well soon, Chan!

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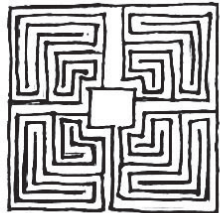
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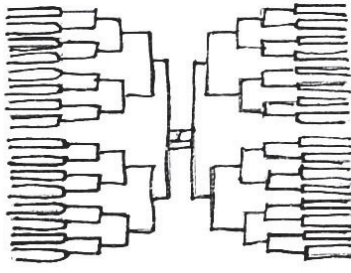
## GREAT MIND CHALLENGES

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*Ping Cheng*

By Ting Cheng / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Tech focuses on superficial issues

My four years at Tech have been plagued with things that I personally abhor: apathy, bad grammar and a recent lack of Ben and Jerry's ice cream pints in the Student Center Food Court.

I can overlook the zealots on Skiles who never stop pushing the remains of needlessly slaughtered trees into my tightly clenched fists, and I can even enjoy all of the new "dining options" that abound on campus—although their hours are not sufficient. I must admit that they are better than the constant fare of Wingzone and Papa John's that I survived on freshman year.

However, I must strongly object to the blatant insincerity that screams to me from virtually every corner of campus.

While the Tech Tsunami Relief effort was fairly well conducted and generally a wonderful idea, why did its organizers choose that event? Was it the attention that the media lavished on it? The catastrophically high number of people who died? If TTR really cared so much about helping those affected, why did it wait until the end of its prolonged campaign to cut a check?

With the increased attention that Tech has placed on "internationalizing" our majors, students and campus, why not implement a simple "study abroad requirement" for our majors, as is required by schools in the University System of California? If we are really sincere about how wonderful of an effect this kind of experience will have on students, why not make it obligatory?

Why does Tech spend so much money on superficial surface alterations without fixing any of the fundamental problems?

Examples of this abound: from repainting the Student Center three times last summer to budgeting \$125,000 for a single day of student appreciation.

I would assume that the Student



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**Amy Schmisser**  
Copy Editor

Center painting was to improve the "look" of the campus—let me assure you that there are places that look much worse, try the bathrooms in Skiles or the lighting (or lack thereof) in the parking garages.

A free concert on campus provides for a fun night and potentially even a few later nights of reminiscing. However that does not improve student life. A concert with a really cool band is just that: a concert with a really cool band. Student life is comprised of the little things, the everyday things.

Don't even get me started on the idea of placing a coffee shop in the library. While I am forced to admit that I like the Student Center Commons (I was a huge skeptic), there is no way that a coffee shop in the library is a good idea. It's a library for heaven's sake!

Improve the bathrooms, the lighting, the A/C and all the little things that make us sigh when we realize that it's virtually the only place to study on campus. (The flag building is alright, but it's only open during the day, and the Student Center is really, really noisy.)

Not that I would object to having a coffee shop near the library, perhaps even in the little basement area. Hey, if they can put a coffee shop in what used to be a bathroom in the Student Center Commons, I think they could probably put one anywhere. As long as it had decent hours (hopefully the same as those of the library), it would be a great addition.

Administration: let's try to focus on something besides what makes you look good. Yes, the new management building is gorgeous, but the noise and smell created by the disrepair of the ESM building makes it more than a little hard to concentrate.

Why do some of your students receive LCD screens outside of every classroom when architecture students don't even have enough room to store a model while they are trying to draw sections of it? And don't try to feed me the line about "rich alumni."

Is Tech a corporate whore? It's beginning to look that way. We have a Ford ES&T building, a Barnes and Noble bookstore, an Einstein's coffee/bagel place and Coca-Cola everywhere. Do we really need to sell ourselves to get ahead? I know what the fountain of all wisdom (a.k.a. my dad) would have to say about that.

The recent swarm of soon-to-be high school graduates and their accompanying parents only serves to make campus that much more annoying. Their ridiculously sanitized version of how great Tech is makes me want to vomit.

Along a similar vein, FASET applications read that they only want "positive and enthusiastic" leaders. Why not try getting real people? People who actually know about the real Tech life, complain about it constantly and secretly love it in spite of all of its flaws.



# Co-oping pays off for students in the end

Deciding to co-op is by far one of the best decisions I have made at Tech. Not only because it has "prepared me for the real world" and "given me invaluable work experience," but also because it gives me a nice cash flow and a break from school every other semester.

I don't know how some students go to school for 5 semesters in a row, because there is no way I would have survived.

At the end of each work term, I may look forward to going back to school, but I am even more excited when that school semester is over and I can start working again.

Besides providing students with a break from school, co-oping gives students a chance to learn what the working world is really like, because it's not what you expect.

There are several things that co-oping has taught me. One is that workplace etiquette is a myth. People aren't always nice, polite or well-mannered. I went into one manager's office during lunchtime to find him licking his fingers and talking with his mouth full. I have heard coworkers hang up on people and I was in the office when a recruiter described characteristics that upper management would and would not put up with in a new employee.



**"Co-oping gives students a chance to learn what the workplace is really like."**

**Lauren Griffin**  
Advertising Manager

By far the worst display of inappropriateness was when I unexpectedly stopped by an administrative assistance's desk and she told me she had "passed gas." Pretty bad huh? And you didn't have to smell it.

Another lesson I've learned is that the dress code only applies to young employees. The 65 year old administrative assistant can wear her strappy sandals every day that the temperature breaks 90 degrees, but the second a co-op comes in with an open toed shoe the gossip mill starts. Comments such as "I didn't realize we were allowed to wear shoes like that" are said just loud enough so you can hear them.

That is not the only thing that gets gossip going. The office is worse than any group of sorority girls when it comes to spreading rumors.

Rest assured that if you are the last person to find something out, no one likes you, because it

doesn't take much to get someone talking about somebody else's business.

I have also found that if you co-op in an office with older employees, the conversation usually will default to old war stories from when they were in college.

You will hear about crazy parties and school scandals that date back to before you were even born. Imagine your grandfather telling you about all the beer he drank and the various girls he dated and you will get a good idea of how uncomfortable these conversations can be.

Those girls who think the dating pool will improve when they graduate are setting themselves up for disappointment.

Just because some guy has a job and should be grown up does not mean that he is. They do not miraculously become suave.

I had one guy follow me into an elevator not to ask me out but to ask me my full name. Even

though it was an odd question, I didn't really think about until two hours later when I got an email from him. He had looked me up in the company address book to email me and ask me if I would be interested in going to lunch with him. If he had only read my editorial from last semester, I may be dating him now...

Finally, I have learned that a Tech education will earn you instant respect. People's eyes widen when you tell them you are a student at Tech and your opinion suddenly has a little more merit.

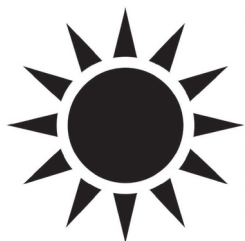
They don't know that I've spent four years trying to get my GPA back up to a 3.0 or that I spent every waking minute of one summer in the computer lab to earn the best damn C I've ever made.

Although the majority of people at work couldn't ever comprehend how hard Tech is (about 75 percent of them are Georgia fans) they are still amazed that I am about to graduate from here.

You ever wonder why GT alums donate so much money and are so proud to be a Yellow Jacket? Now you know. For all the crap you have to put up with to get through this school, it will by far pay off when you graduate.

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### HOT- or -NOT



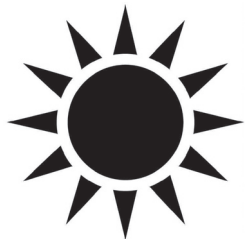
#### Luda in 'da house

"Move b!@#\$, get out the way" will be the first thing on Techies' minds when Ludacris plays at Sting Break. Yup that's right, Ludacris really is coming April 7. The planning committee has delivered on its promise to bring another huge act to campus after the success of last year's Fuel concert. The concert will be free to students, a bargain considering Ludacris' concert tickets sell for big bucks.



#### Cyberbuzz downtime

Sometime on Tuesday, Cyberbuzz went down, affecting many student organizations who were not able to access their websites. Normally Cyberbuzz is a trusty medium for organizations to use, and it is not yet known what may have caused the downtime. We can only hope that whatever the problem is, that all remnants are gone before we get back from Spring Break, and gets resolved permanently.



#### Baseball sets record

The No. 8 Jackets set a new ACC record for most consecutive wins Sunday with their win over Wake Forest. Head Coach Danny Hall also earned his 500th school victory. The record had been unbroken since 1988. With only five more wins, Hall will become the winningest coach in school history.



#### Lights off

Whenever a flashing blue light appears from one of the emergency phones on campus, it signals that someone needs help. However at the Woodruff Parking Lot, the light has been malfunctioning for weeks now, with the blue light continually blinking. Someone should fix this right away.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Survey helps students

The recent Parking and Transportation survey serviced by the SGA Parking, Transportation and Facilities Committee encompassed campus issues such as safety, parking and transportation. The committee was pleased to find that 887 people in total took the survey, and would like to thank everyone for their participation. The results, in full, can be found on the SGA homepage.

With regards to campus safety, 2.7 percent of students who took the survey feel very safe parking on campus, 46.5 percent feel safe, 38 percent feel unsafe and 12.8 percent feel very unsafe. The majority of responses indicated that supplemental policing and patrolling of lots and decks would increase safety levels. Other common remarks indicated that installing security cameras and lighting shadowed areas would make people feel more safe and reduce crime to a greater extent.

Your suggestions have been relayed to GTPD and Facilities, and actions have already been planned to make Tech a safer place. For instance, there will be a campus safety walk on April 18 at 7 p.m. to identify all shadowed, dark areas in need of more lighting.

One of the questions on the survey asked about the number of citations one receives per semester, and if the citations were paid. Many of the students who received five or more tickets per semester never paid their tickets and didn't own a permit. Parking is currently negotiating with the Georgia DMV for license plate identification. This service will provide the means to identify violators who do not own permits and enforce payment of citations. Of those surveyed, 64.2 percent have submitted an appeal for a ticket and 35.8 percent have not.

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## BUZZ

### Around the Campus

#### What are your plans for Spring Break?



**Changmo Park**  
ME Graduate Student

*"Sleep."*



**Courtney Buckner**  
MGT Sophomore

*"Driving down to Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando."*



**James Lai**  
ISyE Junior

*"Getting drunk in the woods."*



**Tony Sokan**  
ISyE Senior

*"Getting wild at the beach."*

Photos by Michael Skinner



## THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

## Ombudsman needed to fight for graduates' rights

Those of us in the "graduate" zone understand that graduate students can be grouped into one of four general categories.

1. There are the newbies, those who are still fresh with the zeal of the idea of graduate school and graduate studies. They are out to change the world and nothing can stop them.

2. There are those who are in the middle stages—still taking classes but concerned about their proposal—who are just muddling along.

3. There are those in the final stages, who only have "six more months" to go.

4. And then there is the group of old wizened grad students. They've been here longer than anyone can remember, and for all anyone knows will likely be here for years to come.

It is these "old-timers" that I wish to address in this column.

There are a variety of reasons why these old timers are still here.

Some simply get caught up with all that there is to do in graduate school, they simply enjoy learning.

Some just cannot seem to come up with a thesis topic that they are happy with.

Others get stuck in the middle of thesis work, continually over and over again.

And still others are simply content to drag the process out "a few more years."

There are, however, a variety of



**"The longer you hang around the fourth group of graduate students, the more you hear scary stories."**

**Karen Feigh**  
Columnist

other reasons that have some students still here five, six and seven years after they began.

These reasons have nothing to do with personal preference of motivation.

The longer you hang around the fourth group of graduate students, the more you hear scary stories. These stories include: stories of students having to barter to be allowed to graduate; stories of students being forced to change thesis topics because a professor has decided to claim their previous work; stories of students who do not have the appropriate equipment to conduct their research, and more.

How true are these stories?

How prevalent is this behavior? I'm honestly not sure, but each of the stories mentioned above was told to me personally by the students involved.

So I'd have to say that at the very least these stories are more prevalent than they should be.

There was a recent article in the Nov. 2004 issue of *Physics Today* summarizing the results of a survey

of ethical training and awareness. It found that a large number of junior members of the American Institute of Physics view "the unethical treatment of subordinates in research as a very serious problem."

One of the problems as I see it is that there isn't a well-established procedure for reporting alleged injustices, nor is there a dedicated person for graduate students to turn to for guidance in this area.

The students I have spoken with are at a loss as to what to do. A graduate student's advisor is the first person he or she has to see to report such problems.

If the problem is with the advisor, the student has no clear idea where to turn. Many simply grin and bear it, sometimes for years.

If they do consider the problem large enough to seek outside help, they may speak to their graduate coordinator.

Then they are confronted with the truth: there is little that can be done.

After all, by the time you reach the PhD level, your research is highly

specialized and there is often no acceptable alternative advisor.

So most of these problems are just dealt with quietly, which makes it hard to tell if these stories indicate a real problem, potentially isolated incidents or a figment coming from the overtaxed mind of a frazzled grad student.

Perhaps I am making these stories into more than I ought.

Or perhaps these situations are good training for the real world, and we should begin to apply real world solutions.

I think that it is time a graduate student ombudsman was brought in to provide a dedicated person for graduate students to turn to.

This person can provide neutral advice to both students and faculty members while concurrently serving as a source of institutional memory.

Personally, I believe that this role would best be filled by an emeritus professor or dean or someone with equal standing among the faculty.

And although I am loath to introduce more forms and bureaucracy to the academic process, it might also be interesting to introduce a yearly survey to all students who have taken longer than the prescribed 4-5 years for a Masters/Ph.D program, to do a pulse check of them.

If a problem is found, they can take steps to make the student aware of his or her options in order to help both the student and the graduate school.

## Survey

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Noteworthy to mention from the survey are the requests for better efficiency of the Stinger and Stingerette system, enforcement of illegal parking, proper functioning of gate arms, more decks versus lots and increased benefits. These issues are currently being resolved. Next fall, there will hopefully be two new Stinger buses funding for which is still being sought. Also, Parking will implement a new Habitual Offender policy which will add a nuisance surcharge to all citations issued to an habitual offender.

Gate arms are being replaced as broken, and violators who break arms are being disciplined and required to reimburse Parking for replacement costs. In the Master Plan, most surface lots will be phased out and the space inventory replaced by strategically located decks.

As far as increasing the benefits of owning a permit, it was found from the survey that many suggestions are already available to permit holders. This led the committee and parking to believe that the student body as a whole is unaware of all the benefits of owning a parking permit.

To resolve this dilemma, Parking has created a "Parking Perks" page on their home page that lists all the benefits of having a parking permit. What do you actually get for \$500? Visit [www.parking.gatech.edu](http://www.parking.gatech.edu) to find out!

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SGA Parking Committee Chair  
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# FOCUS

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## GENERATION...WHAT?

A *60 Minutes* piece prompts our writer to look to the Tech community and elsewhere to figure out just what our generation stands for. **Page 12**

## RAMBLIN' WITH...

The *Nique* sits down with junior softball star Christine Sheridan to talk about transferring, transitions, teammates and more. **Page 25**



# Off-campus housing options continue to grow

*With new development popping up all around Tech's borders, should Housing be worried?*

By Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

For many upperclassmen faced with housing lotteries and wait lists, the wealth of new apartment complexes springing up just outside the borders of Tech can look awfully tempting.

Areas such as Atlantic Station and Gables Cityscape, off of North Avenue, already house a number of students, while yet another complex is under construction at the corner of Bellemeade and Northside Drive.

The corporations that own those buildings have even recognized Tech as a potential consumer market and have made an effort to advertise themselves to the student body.

For example, representatives from Metro Pointe Lofts, a new development on Marietta Street, have been on campus handing out flyers. Its website, [www.metropointelofts.com](http://www.metropointelofts.com), bills the development as "a new generation of student loft living" and features spacious apartments with access to pools, fitness centers and game rooms. And students have responded.

"The apartment I have now is much larger and costs much less than a Georgia Tech apartment," said Phil-

lip Whatley, a third-year Building Construction major and resident of Collier Ridge Apartments off Howell Mill Road. "I wanted something larger than a dorm...and I don't mind traveling a little bit."

With the promise of cheaper rent and greater luxury, it would seem that everybody would be rushing to fill these rooms, leaving the dorms and apartments on campus vacant.

But the Department of Housing, while aware of the increased competition, isn't worried.

"Students...go to look off campus, and the prices may look more competitive until they start to break [it] down into packages," said Dan Morrison, associate director of Housing for Residence Life.

According to Morrison, students are attracted to the rent for off-

campus housing while forgetting that electricity, heating, cable and other luxuries are billed separately. Housing offers everything in a single payment.

In addition, aside from Home Park, the closest off-campus housing requires a shuttle or car to get around.

"I think the student takes into consideration...the aggravation

of taking a shuttle from whatever location you're talking about," said Don Neuendorff, associate director of Housing Administration. "I don't care how they're going to try to be convenient. You can't really beat the location we've got...It's nice to roll out of bed in the morning and...cross campus."

Some students agree, especially those without some mode of transportation.

"I don't have a car, so my options are limited," said Mark Moreno, a second-year Architecture major who lives in Hemphill Apartments.

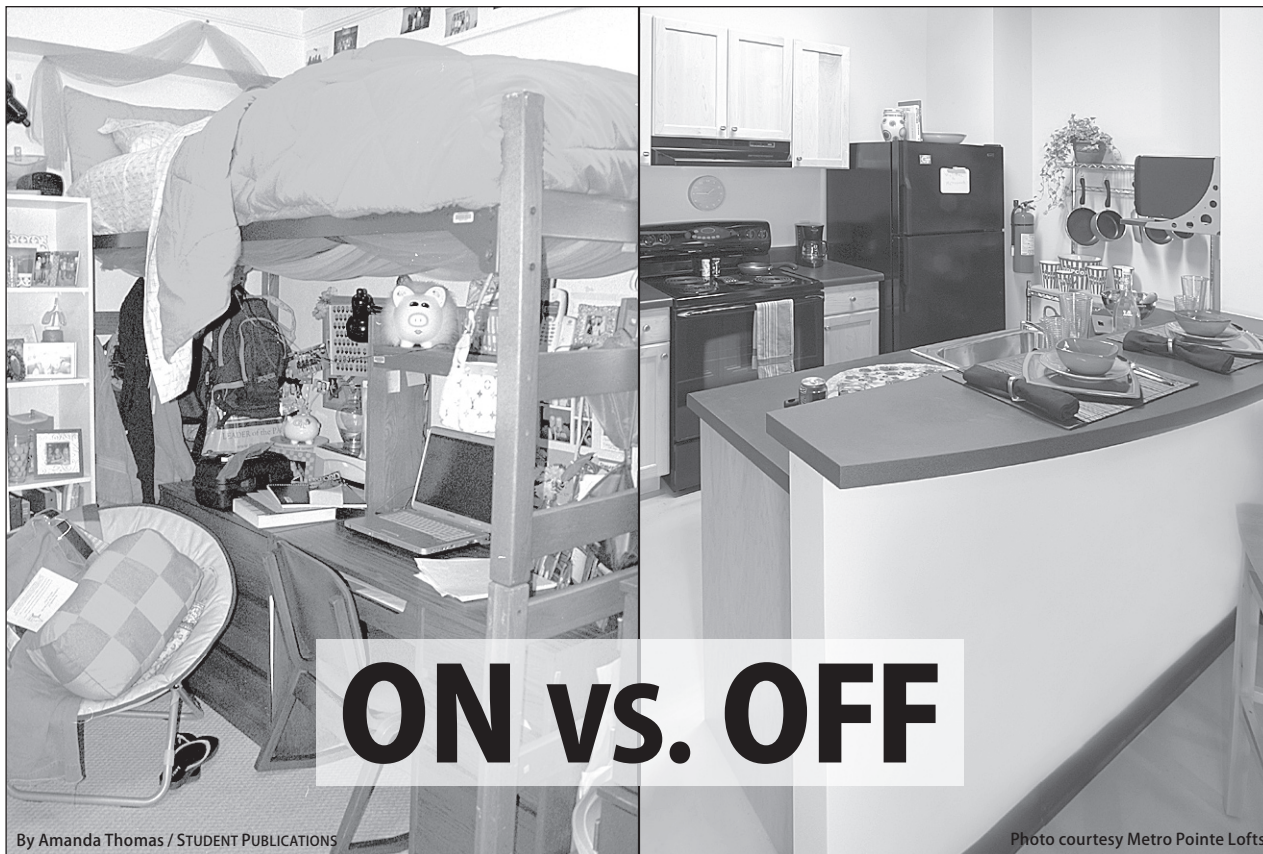
"[I have a] good internet connection, fast and good maintenance crew, my room is plenty big for me and...I can walk to everything I want to, especially class," said Dave Link, a third-year Aerospace Engineering major who lives in Maulding.

Data from the Department of Housing shows an increase in the demand for on-campus rooms, due in part to larger incoming freshmen classes and also to efforts by Housing to advertise itself to the student body.

"We actually need...7000 students to decide to [live off-campus] to make all the numbers work," Morrison said.

"I think we've actually had

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By Amanda Thomas / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Photo courtesy Metro Pointe Lofts

## FACES AT GEORGIA TECH

# Student-created mentor program thrives at YMCA

By Kristin Noell  
Senior Staff Writer

This year, Lauren Miller, a first-year Management major, started a big brother-big sister program at the Centennial Place YMCA for kids in kindergarten to fifth grade. It pairs the children with Tech students who act as mentors, tutors and friends.

It's called BOPSOP—and before you ask: no, it doesn't stand for anything.

"We wanted to try to come up with something that was fun for the kids to say, something that they would remember," Miller said. "So we kind of brainstormed, asked kids their ideas...and came up with BOPSOP. Kind of, BOP for the big brother and SOP for the big sister—but now the kids just call their mentor 'BOPSOP.'"

Although she's getting a degree in Management at Tech, Miller is also working on an education degree at Georgia State.

"Working with kids is just my passion completely," she said.

Her involvement with Freshman Council also was a motivating factor in creating the BOPSOP program.

"I wanted to do something that got the freshmen involved, because that's the purpose of freshman leader-

ship organizations, in my opinion," she said.

The collaboration between Miller and the Centennial Place YMCA also worked out well: they needed tutors and mentors, and because Miller wants to have her own child development center in the future, "I

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**Lauren Miller**  
First-year MGT major

was like, this is a great way to kind of get a feel for what it's like and at the same time help children and get the freshmen involved," she said.

However, getting the program started was a lot of work. It required getting permission from the YMCA, finding a sponsor (Delta ended up contributing thousands of dollars), organizing a schedule, recruiting

volunteers and advertising. With the help of other Freshman Council members, Miller was able to get the program going at the beginning of the spring semester.

The BOPSOPs go to the YMCA every other week. On a normal day, they are there for about three hours, and they "basically go along with the schedule the Y has," Miller said. "The tutoring takes up a lot of time on those days. They tutor for about an hour and a half, and then they do their playtime."

BOPSOPs are assigned children and may have some one-on-one time, but they try to have as much group activity as possible, because the current ratio of approximately 40 to 45 BOPSOPs to 95 to 100 children makes one-on-one time increasingly difficult.

In addition to the biweekly meetings, they also have a large monthly event, which is usually themed, on a Friday. They have had crafts weeks, sports weeks and a thank-you week (to make cards for people they appreciate).

For the kickoff week when the children met their BOPSOPs, they had snacks, as well as stations where they could learn cheerleading, ballet

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Lauren Miller, a first-year Management major, started BOPSOP, a mentoring program at the Centennial Place YMCA. The program started this semester and already has more than 40 participants.



# Musing about the generation gap

By Melissa Cataldo  
Contributing Writer

I find myself in the room of a Tech student, asking him what he thinks about his generation. He is seated squarely between a Nirvana poster to the left and a Fight Club poster to the right. As these two emblems of Gen-X dissatisfaction with materialism, conformity and the '90s status quo stare down at me, it seems fitting that I am conducting an interview on what may be the aftermath.

What will we, the generation to follow Generation X, leave behind

for historians to categorize, label and generalize? I started wondering about this over Christmas break while snowed in at my parents' house, watching the Dec. 26 edition of *60 Minutes*.

There was a segment on Generation Y—defined as the generation born between 1982 and 1995, mostly the children of baby boomers. According to the *60 Minutes* piece, there has been a lot of research, especially market research, devoted to deciphering general themes, values and trends among us.

Mel Levine, a popular expert on the media circuit and nationally

## The 'Nique's Melissa Cataldo investigates theories, misconceptions about our generation

recognized researcher on childhood learning, claims that all our structured after-school activities have left Generation Y children prone to a sort of group mentality that is stifling to initiative and leadership. In his book *Ready or Not, Here Life Comes*, Levine writes that while we expect undue encouragement and praise, we have little notion of our actual strengths and weaknesses since because so much emphasis was placed on how we should all be praised as children.

Neil Howe, a historian specializing in generational studies who is also a popular national speaker

and author, had more to say along the same themes. His book *Millennials Rising: the Next Great Generation* claims we are, on the whole, duty-oriented citizens and good team players. In a BBC story in 2001, Howe said that these traits may make members of Generation Y better suited for military service than those in Generation X.

I decided to investigate these claims myself, and after a conversation with Jack Feldman, a professor in Tech's School of Psychology, I learned that while generations are often defined by the exceptions and the icons, most of us are destined to become hard-working, decent folks, according to Feldman.

*U.S. News & World Report* recently reported that juvenile crime has been decreasing over the past two decades, and that teen pregnancy, drinking and drug use are also at historical lows. According to polls, most college kids dream of making money and having a family.

Maren Klawiter, an assistant professor in the School of History, Technology and Society, pointed out that another thing to consider is that much of the generation labeling is market research.

"Typically, we think of genera-

tions as a group of people that share some essential relationship to significant social changes, or events...like the Great Depression or World War I and World War II," Klawiter said. "But my impression these days is that, to a great extent, what animates the discussion of the X-generation and the Y-generation is the advertising and marketing industry."

Because we are huge in terms of numbers and buying power, Klawiter said, "The advertising industry desperately wants to understand what makes Generation Y tick."

When talking about our generation, no one seems to disagree that the astounding amount of information made available by the internet and other technol-

ogy has had a profound effect. We are seen as technology-savvy, media-savvy, quickly jumping from task to task in an increasingly complex world. Some would say we were efficiently multi-tasking, but on the flip side, there are criticisms of ever-decreasing attention spans and a sound bite-driven culture.

There is also the idea of "group-think," a term for a phenomenon where people will blindly do what

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**Maren Klawiter**  
HTS assistant professor



By Jon Kaye / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech's student body is relatively diverse, something that can be seen while walking down Skiles Walkway. However, the fact that we all belong to one generation serves as a common bond—or does it?

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## Faces

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and basketball ("Most of them know how to play basketball better than us," Miller said), or play outside on the playground.

The program is good for the kids, Miller said.

"They get a mentor, [and it] is absolutely fabulous to have a positive role model...to see somebody that's in college, that wants to be involved with them and is just full of life, is a great thing," she said.

But it's also beneficial for Tech students to be BOPSOPs.

"You don't really appreciate how you were brought up until you see how other children are brought up, and especially when you see the things that other children don't have and the opportunities that they don't have," Miller said.

In addition, Tech students are in a prime position to volunteer, according to Miller. "A lot of them have problems with reading and simple math and things like that, stuff that we're excelling at because we're at Georgia Tech. Right now during this age is the time we need to give back, because we actually have some time to do that."

Other BOPSOPs, like first-year Management major Charlotte Rohling, agree.

"I had never done a program like this, and the very first time I set foot in the YMCA I knew it was going to be awesome," Rohling said. "My favorite part so far with BOPSOP is getting to hang out with the kids, whether it be playing dodge ball... or just letting them braid my hair."

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**Charlotte Rohling**  
First-year MGT major

My first real day as a BOPSOP, they taught me how to stomp...enough said!"

For Tiffany Grant, a first-year Chemical Engineering major, the best part of BOPSOP is simply sitting down with kids and talking to them about their day, their families—anything. "Some of the things they say make even your worst day better," she said.

Like Miller, Rob Abraham, a first-year Psychology major, said he hopes to work with children professionally in the future. "BOPSOP is a great avenue for making a difference in kids' lives...I can't tell you how satisfying it is when the kids run up and latch on to you and refuse to let you leave," he said.

Although Miller was in charge of organizing the entire program this year, she plans to start a BOPSOP exec board for next year, and eventually move out of the head position. "I will basically become just a BOPSOP who is kind of there to give them feedback," she said.

BOPSOP applications should be out sometime after spring break, and the program will be open to all students, rather than just freshmen. There are no requirements except a passion for working with kids and willingness to make a commitment to the program.

Miller anticipates BOPSOP lasting a long time. "Hopefully it's a program that continues throughout the rest of Tech," she said.

"This is just the first year of BOPSOP, but I feel that Lauren, [Freshman Council], the mentors and the Y have created a strong foundation for the program to grow over the next several years," Abraham said.

# Mock trial earns national profile

By Victoria Tsai  
Contributing Writer

Thinking about law school? Tech's mock trial team may be a way to get some practical experience.

"It's exactly like what you see on TV, basically like *Law and Order*," said Frances Ma, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major and a member of the mock trial team.

Though the team was started about eight years ago, it was four years ago that the mock trial team really began to grow.

Anthony DeCinque, a fourth-year Chemical Engineering major and the current president of the team, recalled that there were only six members in 2001, making just enough to form one team. This year, however, there are about 40 people participating. DeCinque started participating in mock trial in his senior year of high school and has continued ever since.

The number of awards the team has recently received is also evidence of their growth.

This year, the mock trial team placed fifth at the University of South Carolina tournament, first at the Eastern Kentucky University and third at the Middle Tennessee University tournament, which is the largest tournament in the nation, involving teams from 64 schools across the country. They also won multiple witness and attorney awards.

The dedication of their advisor, Kate Wasch, has also contributed to the team's success. Wasch, a lawyer with Tech's Office of Legal Affairs, has been practicing law since 1990.

Roberta Berry, an associate professor in the School of Public Policy

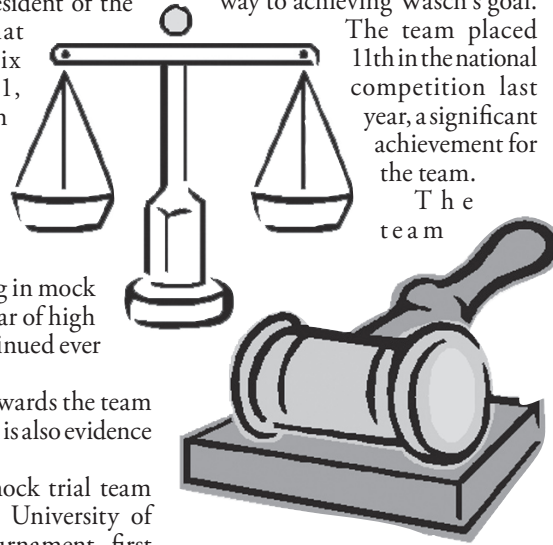
and the advisor for the pre-law program, recruited Wasch as the team's advisor when she found out about Wasch's 10-year background in coaching high school mock trial.

"[Wasch] has been a tremendous asset to the team and has developed wonderful relationships with students," Berry said. "[She is] very dedicated to excellence and helping students achieve to the highest level they can."

According to Wasch, her goal for the team is to achieve the rank of top 10 nationally in the next few years. If the team's recent performance is any indication, they are well on the way to achieving Wasch's goal.

The team placed 11th in the national competition last year, a significant achievement for the team.

The team



also received first place at regionals this year; they are currently preparing for this year's national competition, which will take place in Dumont, Iowa, on April 8.

The team spends the year preparing for competition by studying a given case. The case involves eight witnesses and three or four attorneys; both sides, the defense and prosecution, can choose which witnesses to use. "You have affidavits on eight different witnesses... and you basically go on a trial," Ma said.

At a competition, members of the team must play the roles of witnesses and lawyers. However, they don't find out whether their role is for the plaintiff (or prosecution, if it is a criminal case) or the defense until shortly before each round; therefore each member of the team must be intimately familiar with all aspects of the case.

Berry strongly encourages pre-law students to participate in either mock trial or the pre-law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta.

According to Berry, mock trial is very beneficial for pre-law students because it educates them in trial practice, civil procedure, and skills such as legal presentation and legal analysis, which are very useful in the law career.

For DeCinque, who is graduating this semester and planning on attending law school, it was his participation with the mock trial team that made him want to pursue law in the first place.

Ma is also planning on going to law school after working for a couple of years.

Even with Ma and DeCinque as examples, the mock trial team does not consist solely of pre-law students. In fact, its membership is split about 50/50 between pre-law and non-pre-law students.

According to Berry and Wasch, all students can develop their public speaking and analytical skills through mock trial. There is also a mock trial class, taught by Wasch, which complements the mock trial experience. Ma, who took the class last semester, said that it helped her in her preparation for the competitions while receiving class credit.

According to Wasch, the best part of working with mock trial is getting to meet and know a wide variety of students who are not stereotypical engineers, but well-rounded individuals.

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# Tech Up Close

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a better information campaign...this year in terms of signs and table tents and all of that," Morrison said.

The campaign came about in the face of increasing competition. Whereas the Department of Housing once offered the only convenient residency options for students, the new privately-owned complexes mean Housing has to prove they're still the best option.

"To simply say [that we're] the only game in town except for a bunch of houses over in Home Park...isn't true anymore, so we have to change how we go about doing things," Morrison said. "It has to be true that the Residence Life staff, the programs, the activities, the convenience, the proximity has to really deliver, making sure that we offer students what they want as well as what we think they need."

This includes some recent changes to Housing policies, which Morrison believes helps keep students on campus. For instance, Housing now places a higher priority on pairing up friends as roommates.

"What our data show us is

people would like to be in X kind of building, but they're willing to compromise on that if they can be with their friends," Morrison said. "We find that if people are happy, then all those other things start to fall in line."

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**Dan Morrison**  
Assoc. director of Res. Life

One popular implementation is the introduction of block housing. Students, especially rising sophomores, can all request an apartment together for the new school year.

Some apartments have tried to mimic the trends of on-campus housing in response.

According to Morrison, 100 Midtown at 10th Street, which

opens this fall, will offer individual leases for individual rooms, and they even plan to hire resident assistants similar to the PLs and CAs in on-campus housing.

"But talk about random roommates," Morrison said. "My sense is that...they'll fill it up with anybody who can pay the rent."

Morrison also pointed out that off-campus residents have to deal with landlords and roommates who fail to pay their part of the rent. For reasons like this, some students discover off-campus residency to be less than they expected and quickly opt to return to campus the following year.

"[Maybe] 10 times a semester [we] will get a parent usually calling and say, 'Can you help my kid out of the mess?'" Morrison said.

However, other students remain off-campus. "I have a lot more room, am able to furnish the apartment with my own more comfortable furniture, [and] am located right in the middle of Midtown but am still just a couple of minutes from Tech," said Nate Lacy, a second-year Management major who lives in Arts Center Tower. "I'm just not a big fan of dorm-style housing."

see many of those sorts of tasks in what we're actually asked to do.

In interviews with students, some have even told me they are finding that college education seems to be catering to corporate job training these days (for example, tutorials in popular commercial software) instead of real learning based on the theory behind those corporate tools.

I wonder if there is a disjoint between what we are and what we pretend to idolize. Rebellion is still cool to young people—we enjoy movies and video games with increasingly graphic depictions of sex and violence—but as far as actual rebellion goes, our generation is statistically shaping up to be rather tame.

## Administrators, alumni offer advice about how to deal with senioritis

By Katherine Sather  
*The Montana Kaimin*

(U-WIRE) U. Montana—Caps and gowns are for sale, and graduation announcements are in the mail. The countdown to graduation and freedom is on. So what's this anxious, confused feeling?

According to some sources, it's part of being a "quarterlifer." The idea is that 20-somethings are faced with decisions that will determine the rest of their lives. "It gets overwhelming," said Jason Steinle, quarterlifer and author of *Upload Experience: Quarterlife Solutions for Teens and Twenty-Somethings*. "We're afraid if we start out with the wrong foot forward, we'll start on the wrong path."

The Kaimin consulted Steinle for some tips on surviving the senior year. We also tapped into some campus administrators and students who shared their experiences.

The No. 1 piece of advice: Relax. Transitions in life will always produce anxiety, even if they're positive transitions, said University of Montana Provost Lois Muir. "It's just a part of life," she said. "It's a good thing for them to practice now."

Second, don't lose focus on school. Former Associated Students of the University of Montana President Jon Swan, who graduated in 2003, said the biggest obstacle he and his friends faced during senior year was procrastination. Since he had a job lined up after graduation, he found it hard to concentrate on schoolwork.

Third, channel your energy.

According to Jim Lemcke, assistant director of public safety, there's an increase in campus pranks in May. "I don't know if that's seniors or students in general just getting fired up to leave," he said. But extra energy can be channeled into something positive like exercise.

Fourth, realize that you have tons of options. Just because you have a degree in English literature doesn't mean you need a career in it, said assistant director of dining services Ken Arledge.

He recommends that graduates first decide where they would like to live, whether it's Los Angeles or Great Falls, Montana, and move there. They can find work to get by while they're looking for their dream job.

Fifth, don't be afraid to be single. Steinle cited statistics that the average marrying age is 27 for men and 25 for women, an increase from 23 and 21 in 1970. The new 20-somethings are waiting until they're financially and emotionally stable before tying the knot, he said.

"A lot of people I interviewed said when they married in their 20s, they didn't know who they were. As they began to discover who they were, they drifted apart from their partners," he said.

Sixth, don't worry if you don't have all the answers. Steinle said he's discovered that as people age, they become more comfortable with the uncertainty of the future.

Arledge said that students shouldn't underestimate the value of a degree. "When you get out, you have probably the most freedom of choice you'll ever have in life," he said.

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others do when forced to make a decision on which they have very little background knowledge or "when their standards of behavior are poorly developed or in conflict," Feldman said.

Professor Klawiter told me about *The Paradox of Choice*, a book by Barry Schwartz, a professor of social theory at Swarthmore College, that describes how the choices from the proliferation of goods and marketing are so broad that we are left paralyzed. Possibly this psychological insight helps explain the observation that our generation follows authority—with such a vast world of information, any parental or teacher's advice may help us find our moorings.

Along with the proliferation of information, confusing mixed messages abound. Cigarettes cause cancer, but studies show that nicotine improves memory in lab rats. Carbs are food for the brain, yet they make us fat. At work, seated at the conference table, we might be told, "Think outside the box," and then given a memo saying that all future reports should all be done in PowerPoint format.

Feldman, whose experience as a professor spans four decades, said that a main characteristic of his current students was that "they seem more anxious."

As much as the phrases such as "creative problem solving," "critical thinking," and "brainstorming" come up throughout school, I don't

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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A Tech student makes a difference in the lives of local kids with the mentoring program she created. **Page 11**

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*Be Cool* fails to live up to the star power behind the flick. Is this sequel to *Get Shorty* worth seeing? **Page 21**

# La Mariage brings infidelity to stage

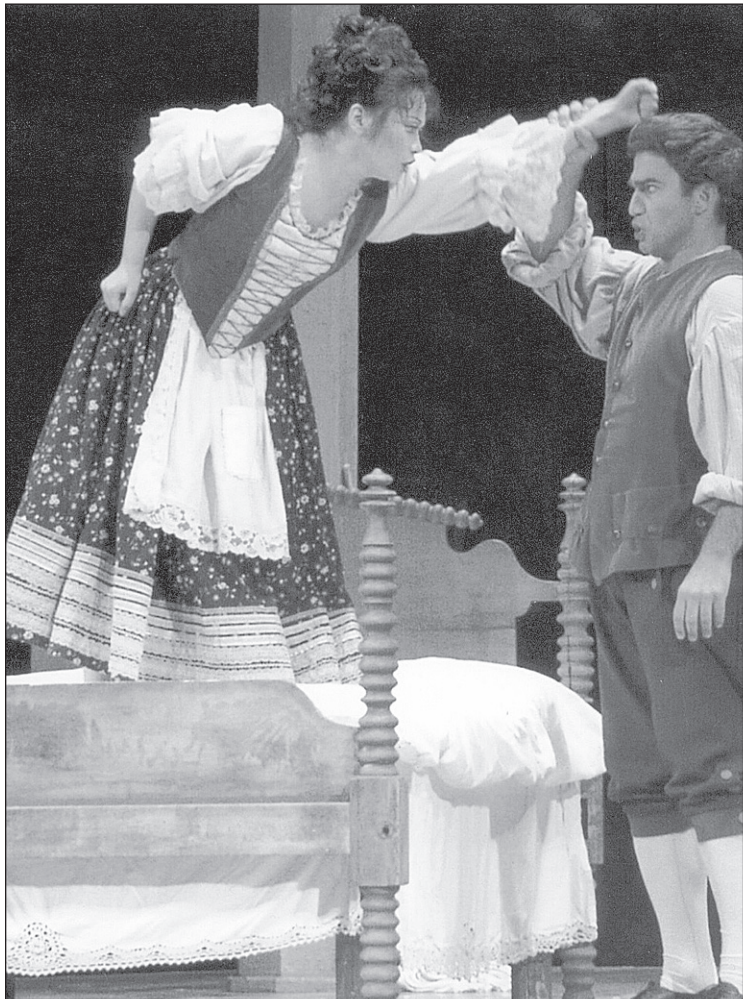


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*The Marriage of Figaro*, possibly one of the most well-known operas of all time, provides relevant commentary on lust and society.

By Charbak Mitra  
Contributing Writer

Last Wednesday, the famous opera *La Mariage de Figaro* was performed at the Ferst Center to an audience of avid opera-goers.

When people think about great French minds, powerful names such as Voltaire, Rousseau and Lily Bautil come to mind.

However, one could look in history books for hours and never find the name of Pierre de Beaumarchais. He was the author of *La Mariage* and solely responsible for its hilarity and unspoken verity of society's inseparability with lust.

In his own lifetime, Beaumarchais changed the world through his works as a writer and secret agent. As the latter, he was sent on covert missions to destroy dangerous literature (which, oddly enough, he created) and even provided secret French assistance to the colonies in the American Revolution.

After revising *La Mariage*, it was wildly received and adulated by audiences. His works were nominated by Napoleon as a "revolution already in action."

A revolution it very well might have been. The story, the sequel to another Beaumarchais play, *Le Barbier de Seville* (*The Barber of Seville*), concerns the plight of Figaro, who is now engaged to Susanna. Both are

in the service of Count Almaviva, who, to Figaro's misfortune, has his eyes on the bride-to-be. To further complicate the issue, the count is already married.

Much to Figaro's chagrin, the count is actually entitled to having his way with Susanna under *le droit de seigneur* ("the privilege of the lord," a rule of the times). Much of the play's meaning and controversy lies therein.

This took hold in the minds of the French, the attack on authority which at first caused the king to disallow the performance of the opera.

The audiences could appreciate the characters, and the French Revolution itself was an impending doom.

Enter Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Already well-known and well into his career, he undertook a foray into the art of comic opera with *La Mariage* and history was made.

Fast forward over 200 years. Figaro is a common household name, and his character a staple of the theatric world.

Audiences still dance to the tune of social injustice and adultery remains widespread.

The music of Mozart still hits as hard as ever, and advances in the story of mankind allow this timeless piece to be shown in its original

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## Tech hosts gaming convention

The weekend after spring break, the Student Center will be hosting the one and only MomoCon (formerly TechwoodCon). The Con will feature Anime, two console rooms, game tournaments, dealers, artists and demos from major companies. The Con is March 26 and 27 and admission is free.

## Andy Dick to perform at Farm

Fresh off the GTA talk radio circuit, Andy Dick is coming to town on Saturday, March 19 at the Funny Farm Comedy Club in Alpharetta. Show times are at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and tickets are \$30.

## For those who never grow up

The fifth annual Joe-Lanta gathering of G.I. Joe collectors and dealers is coming to the Marriott Century Center at Northlake on Sunday March 20. Joe-Lanta will feature contests, a film fest and door prizes. Surely a must see for any G.I. Joe enthusiast or at least anyone with an appetite for the curious and strange. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for kids five to 16.

## Wear your green at Underground

Still haven't quite got your Irish fix for this St. Patrick's Day? Check out Underground Atlanta today and tomorrow for further Celtic merriment. The St. Patrick's Day Family Festival will feature Irish dances, music on three stages, and clubs and food (which should help soak up all the alcohol). Admission is free and the festival is open from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## Interpol to play Tabernacle

If you're going to be in the Atlanta area during spring break, Interpol will be at the Tabernacle along with Blonde Redhead on March 21. Both bands are currently touring in support of their respective albums. Tickets are \$23 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. Doors open at 7 p.m. The music starts at 8 p.m.

## We're off to see the wizard

This weekend, the Gwinnett Performing Arts Center in Duluth presents the *Wizard of Oz*. Join Dorothy and her friends on their fabled journey to the Emerald City. Showtimes are Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

# Millions spins story, teaches lessons

By Evan Zasoski  
Senior Staff Writer

If someone were to tell you that Danny Boyle's new movie *Millions* was about two brothers who find a sack full of stolen money and the adventures they had with it in the week leading up to Britain's transition to the Euro, they'd be right. If they said it was about the thief that wants the money back and the widower dad who gets the girl, they'd be right again, but either way they'd have pretty much missed the point.

"[*Millions* is] a movie about a little boy who wants to save the world and who is just crazy enough that he might actually do it someday."

*Millions* is about a very curious thing: faith and how very odd a boy who truly has it would seem in a world more or less devoid of it. It's a movie about the corruptive effects of wealth. It's a movie about a little boy who wants to save the world and who is just crazy enough that he might actually do it someday.

The movie begins in standard fashion, with Damien, our hero played by Alex Etel, sitting in his cardboard box fort talking to the

Patron Saint of Television when all of a sudden a big sack of money falls from the sky and nearly crushes poor Damien underneath.

Damien, naturally startled, runs to get his brother, Anthony (Lewis McGibbon), who immediately wants to put the money to good use, affording himself and company as fabulous a lifestyle as can possibly be arranged. Damien, however, has other ideas and consistently uses the money to aid the poor and downtrodden.

This makes for conflict until such time as the previous owner of the money, a creepy thief played by the legitimately terrifying Christopher Fulford, comes snooping around looking for his lost fortune. Then things really get interesting.

Alex Etel carries the movie really well for a kid, but at the end of the day he's still a little boy and his acting can be a bit wooden at times.

He plays the "I'm a magical little boy who sees all the world with wide-eyed wonder" card for all it's worth,

but he gets good mileage out of it so it doesn't get too old.

His filmic brother, Lewis McGibbon, also turns in a good showing as the greedy older brother.

These two are basically the workhorses of the movie, and they carry it reasonably well.

I also loved James Nesbitt as their widower dad. He was great. Plus, all the Saints were just brilliant. Good jobs were done all around.

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Photo courtesy Fox Searchlight

*Millions* tells the charming tale of the adventures of two brothers after finding a large sum of money. It infuses a heart-warming story with moral lessons and a reminder of how fun it was to be a kid.



## Of Montreal upholds Athens tradition of great rock bands

By Michael Ng  
Contributing Writer

Contrary to what their geographically confusing name would have you believe, Of Montreal are actually Georgia natives by way of Athens.

But before you completely write off this band, curb your well-conditioned UGA hatred for a minute and

consider that Athens is a hotbed for critically acclaimed bands.

Perhaps more importantly, Athens is home base for Elephant 6, a historic music label and collective that shaped the sound of indie rock throughout the '90s.

Bands such as Neutral Milk Hotel, Olivia Tremor Control and Apples in Stereo epitomized the E6 sound, a stylized marriage of psych-pop à la the Beach Boys or the Beatles, with the do-it-yourself attitude and experimental aesthetic of underground rock. Of Montreal leads the second wave of bands to represent Elephant 6 amidst indie rock's current

mainstream popularity.

Never much a stickler for quality control or restraint, prolific singer/guitarist Kevin Barnes formed Of Montreal in 1997 primarily for his own musical endeavors.

With a revolving door of supporting band members and a discography encompassing nine albums in eight years, if one

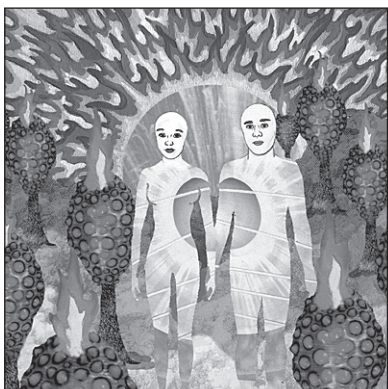
thing can be said about Barnes it's that he is never musically complacent.

And so it comes as no surprise that *The Icelandic Twins* continues the sonic evolution of his band's last

album, *Satanic Panic in the Attic*. The trademark indie-pop hooks and psychedelic absurdity are still plentiful, but this time around Barnes embraces new wave and electronica to produce a bastard-child pastiche that can only be described as kaleidoscopic.

Buoyant vocal harmonies float about spacious synthesizers while tweaked out pedal FX

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vernacular to the world.

The performance on March 8 was traditionally preserved to the satisfaction of purists. Subtitles were projected to a screen above the stage so the audience could follow.

A shining moment during the opera is when Susanna is in a room with Cherubino, an effeminate page and hopeless romantic in the count's palace.

They're stuck having to find

Cherubino a hiding place before the count arrives. Mozart's excellent selection captures human emotion to establish an ambient suspense which is almost palpable.

Further into the performance, Cherubino must cross dress to hide from him.

What is ironic about this is the fact that Cherubino is played by an actress, so that a woman who cross-dresses as a man is cross-dressing as a woman.

Mentionable selections from the piece include comedic lines such as Susanna claiming that "a woman always has plenty of time to say yes," to the count concerning his request of a rendezvous.

Also notable was Figaro's misogynistic tirade in the count's garden. "Look at these women and see them as they are," he warns, adding, "They're witches who charm to cause us harm."

He pleads, "Open your eyes now

and then, rash and foolish men," concluding, "The rest I need not say. All you men know it anyway."

For the studious, cultural influences abound throughout the performance, including allusions to Mars, Venus and Vulcan.

For the layman, physical comedy is episodic. If anything can be said of this production, it's the emblematic quality of the entire affair.

The parts of the musicians were executed flawlessly, and the vocals overtook the bounds of conventional "stage presence."

When asked about the performance, opera-goers Kay and Dan Schumate commented that *La Mariage* "was high on the list...we enjoy opera, and we enjoy Mozart."

"The first two acts were alright, but towards the end it really kicked

"The first two acts were alright, but towards the end it really kicked up. That [opera] was hardcore!"

**Ryan Manger**  
Third-year NRE

up. That [opera] was hardcore!" exclaimed Ryan Manger, a third-year Nuclear Engineering major.

The cast included many notables such as conductor J. Ernest Green, Stefano de Peppo as Figaro, Viara Zhelezova as the timorous Cherubino and Dimiter Stantchev's permeating bass vocals as Bartolo.

The response of the audience as a whole can be described in simply two words: standing ovation.

One final note: for those lucky enough to attend this opera in their lives, be prepared for a surprise ending. The opera said it best: "In joy and happiness it ends, love at last has made amends."

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Visually the movie is very pretty, but mostly in a bunch of little, subtle ways that don't make for good retelling in a review.

The only thing that was explicitly awesome was the way that the movie shows Damien's fantasy sequences.

I particularly liked the one in which he mentally built his new house from scratch on its future site. Other than those, though, the movie mostly falls into the category

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of "well-shot," which, though not overtly laudable, still makes for a pretty film.

All in all, *Millions* is a good movie, if a bit of a morality play. Despite dipping oh-so-slightly into the maudlin at a few points, it manages to stay away from being too saccharine as a whole.

Certainly, though, it's not for everyone. One might find it a little too heart-warming or uplifting at times, but if you're into that sort of thing, then *Millions* is a great little flick for you.

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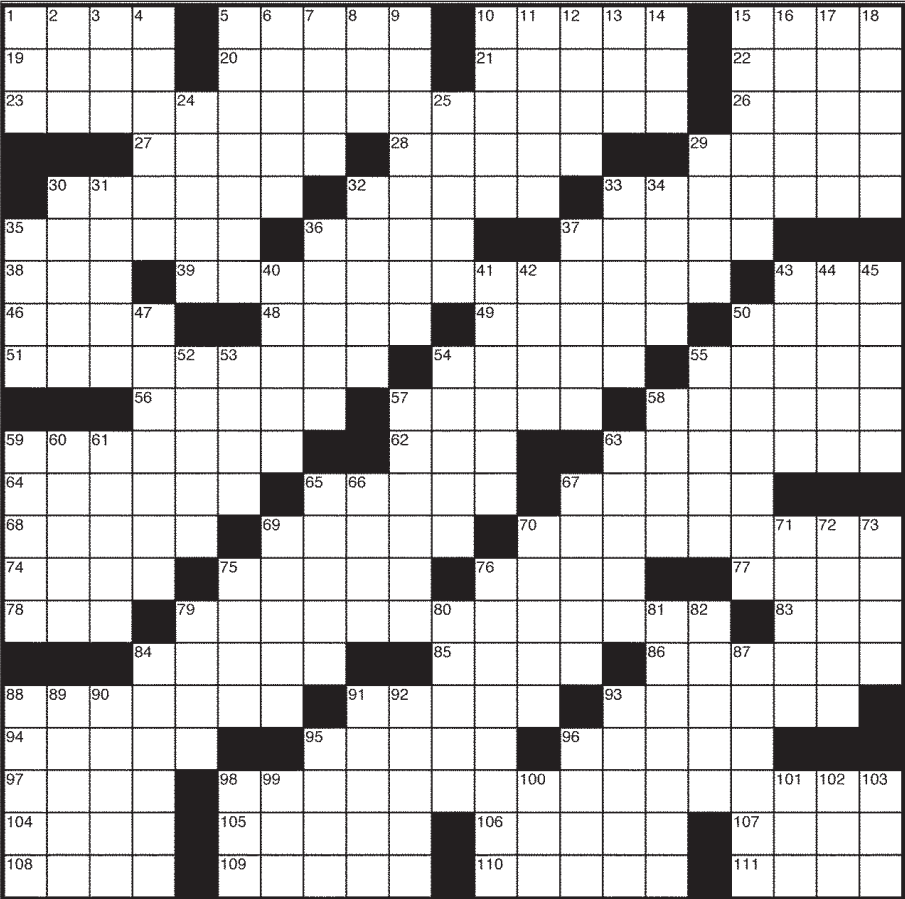
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- 5. Calls, in a way
- 10. Of the Roman patriarch
- 15. “Darn it!”
- 19. Horizontal shaft
- 20. Engaged: 2 wds.
- 21. Ouzo flavoring
- 22. Jannings or Zatopek
- 23. Start of a quip: 4 wds.
- 26. Baby talk
- 27. Amphibians
- 28. Clamps
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- 33. Sully
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- 65. Asian dress

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- 69. Caustic
- 70. Early kind of office copy
- 74. Rainbow: prefix
- 75. Eschew
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- 77. Architect \_\_\_ Saarinen
- 78. Drug letters
- 79. Part 4 of quip: 2 wds.
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- 91. Cetacean
- 93. Roofing pieces
- 94. State a belief
- 95. New Zealander
- 96. Cooker
- 97. Harangue
- 98. End of the quip: 6 wds.
- 104. \_\_\_ homo
- 105. Honey badger
- 106. Audacity
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- 111. Gen. \_\_\_ Bradley

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- 3. \_\_\_ -tac-toe
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- 5. Great cubist
- 6. Battery terminal
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- 9. Personal attendant
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- 12. Cavities
- 13. Residue
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- 29. Vivacity
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- 31. \_\_\_ Fe
- 32. Cried harshly
- 33. Adjusted, in a way
- 34. Skills
- 35. Stringed instruments
- 36. Shorthand, for short
- 37. Resided
- 40. Cramp
- 41. Order
- 42. Onetime Japanese PM
- 43. Frodo’s uncle
- 44. Broadway backer
- 45. Austere
- 47. Made an attempt
- 50. Bishop’s district
- 52. Resort out west
- 53. “Saving Private \_\_\_”
- 54. Pined
- 55. Drum
- 57. Long step
- 58. Encircled
- 59. Time of year
- 60. Makes less distinct
- 61. Speedy
- 63. Sierra \_\_\_
- 65. Reproach angrily
- 66. Seed appendage
- 67. Specter
- 69. Benefit
- 70. Group of lions



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- 72. Zodiac sign
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- 75. Gunner’s need
- 76. Napoli natives
- 79. Place
- 80. Be abuzz
- 81. Everywhere: 2 wds.
- 82. Dry white wine

- 84. Colorized
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- 88. Prepared apples
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- 90. \_\_\_ -nez
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- 92. According to \_\_\_
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I'd clean it myself, but given the size and complexity of some of those spore colonies, I'm afraid it might technically constitute genocide. And I just don't need any more trouble with Amnesty International this week.

This is, naturally, hardly a comprehensive catalog of all the unspeakable atrocities of hygiene which exist within the mildew-covered borders of my home. However, owing to the facts that:

A) such a compendium could easily span hundreds of pages,

B) my editor yells at me when I run long, and

C) I'm fast running low on actual funny material—as evidenced by the extremely disjointed nature of today's piece—I'm afraid that I'll have to call it a day for now.

If any of you out there would like to know more about the abject filth in which me and mine live, just follow your nose. That mildew smell ought to lead you right here in no time.

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snake around electro-drum loops in this dense, operatic album. Unfortunately, the new wave style of songs such as "The Party's Crashing Us" may strike some listeners as kitschy gaucherie on the level of the Postal Service or the Rapture.

To their credit, Of Montreal pull off the sound better than most bands, but their strengths lay in Barnes' ability to craft and orchestrate elaborate pop songs.

Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of *The Icelandic Twins* is how accomplished Of Montreal sound at their most eclectic. The fluid baselines of "Wraith Pinned to the Mist and Other Games" provide the foundation for Barnes' own uniquely twisted version of Dub music.

Furthermore, Of Montreal prove that they've got soul on funk-inflected tracks like "Forecast Fascist Future." Simply put, Barnes and company have skillfully conceived another smorgasbord of musical styles that reveals something new and catchy with each time you listen.

**Be Cool** supported by stars only

By Swathy Prithivi  
Contributing Writer

A film featuring megamoviestars, music industry greats and several other famous people is bound to do one of two things: go on to become a blockbuster hit or flop around miserably, sustained only by star power sharing screen space in such close quarters.

*Be Cool* is definitely flopping. A sequel to *Get Shorty*, this movie stars John Travolta as Chili Palmer, the reformed hoodlum that he first assayed in the 1995 film based on Elmore Leonard's novel of the same name.

The movie starts with Palmer abandoning movie production to try his hand in the music industry. After the murder of his associate Tommy Athens (James Woods), Palmer adopts the cause of Athens' promising R&B singer, Linda Moon (Christina Milian) and his widowed wife Edie (Uma Thurman), who is a record label producer.

This takeover infuriates Moon's manager Raji (Vince Vaughn) and media mogul Nick Carr (Harvey Keitel), who owns her contract.

Meanwhile trouble also brews as Edie is in debt to a rival music

**"With so many caricatures and stereotypes...the movie comes off as a series of one-person shows."**

producer Sin LaSalle (Cedric the Entertainer), who demands his money back. The Russian mafia is also thrown into this hodgepodge plot, as is Steven Tyler as the rock star legend whom Palmer convinces to help Moon with his slick talk.

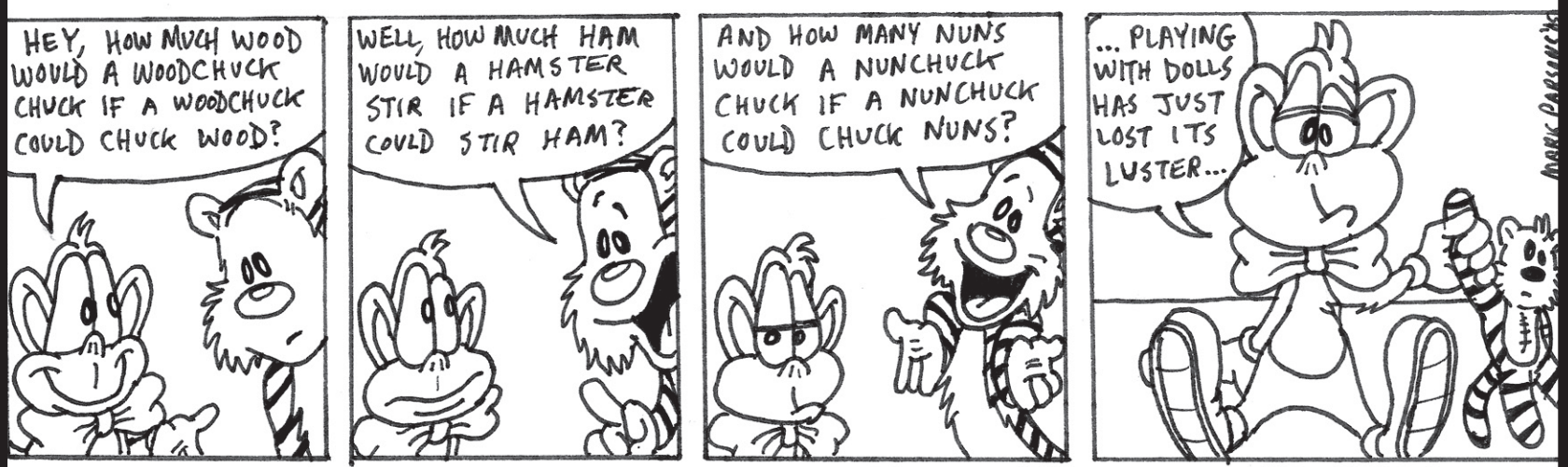
Several complications ensue in this volatile music industry world,

but Palmer manages to smooth everything out by the end of the movie. The movie is extremely fast-paced and is crammed with enough material for at least two and a half movies. With so many caricatures and stereotypes having no connection to one another, the movie comes off as a series of one-person shows. The exceptions to this confusing array of characters are a gay Samoan bodyguard, Elliot Wilhelm (played with great aplomb by the Rock) and a rap artist, Dabu (Andre 3000 of Outkast).

Some of the movie's finest comic moments are built around its characters, who make the movie worth watching. Travolta is the film's biggest disappointment, as he seems to walk through the film with indifference compared to some of his previous roles where his passion shone through. The movie is glitzy and fast-paced with enough entertaining moments to hold the audience's attention through the 112-minute running time.

**CHIMP SHRIMP AND FRIENDS**

Original  
Comic  
Strip



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# Howard soars above competition at NCAAs

By Patrick Odneal  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

Chaunte Howard won her second consecutive indoor national championship by clearing 6'3.50" in the high jump, which tied her own school record in the event. This jump gave Howard her fifth All-American honor.

Four athletes represented Tech at the national meet held last weekend at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

In addition to Howard, Ashlee Kidd competed in the 400 meters, Dana Rogers ran in the 60-meter hurdles, and Montrell Person competed in the 60-meter hurdles as the sole representative of the men's team.

After posting a time of 7.78 in the preliminaries, Person ran a 7.85 in the finals and finished seventh in the 60-meter hurdles. Person, who holds the school record with a time of 7.76, gained All-American honors for the first time in his career.

Rogers finished 12th in the women's 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.27. Kidd did not qualify for the finals in the 400 meters, but she did set a personal-record time of 53.25 in the preliminaries.

The women's team finished tied for 21st in the nation for the second year in a row in the indoor meet, and they also finished in the top 25 last year at the outdoor champion-

ships.

"Our goal is to finish in the top 25 at nationals," said Women's Head Coach Alan Drosky. "That being said, we would've still liked to finish higher, but three straight top-25 finishes is pretty solid."

The men's team finished tied for 48th. "We're very pleased about getting back on the board at nationals," said Men's Head Coach Grover Hinsdale. "We're proud of Montrell's performance at the indoor championships. I know that we're all looking forward to the outdoor season, especially Montrell, because I believe that the 110-meter hurdles is really his forte."

In addition to the 110-meter hurdles, Person will also compete in the 400-meter hurdles in the outdoor season which begins this weekend with competition today and tomorrow at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Howard enters the outdoor season with 20 consecutive victories in high jump events. She holds the school record in high jump for both the indoor and outdoor seasons. Her mark of 6'6" is the current outdoor high jump school record.

The Jackets will host two meets this season. The Yellow Jacket Invitational is scheduled for April 2. The Georgia Tech Invitational will be May 13 and 14.

## Ultimate from page 28

ultimate," according to Gajarawala, has its own Top 25 poll as well, ranking Tech at No. 9 in the country behind N.C. State, the winner of Terminus, the last tournament in which Tech competed.

The nine-man squad placed the highest in tournament competition a men's ultimate frisbee team from Georgia Tech has ever placed with a second-place finish nearly a week ago at the event, losing to fellow Atlantic Coast Region member, N.C. State in the championship game.

They had defeated N.C. State 10-6 earlier in the tournament and proceeded to secure victories against Michigan, Boston University, Rutgers, Oklahoma and Michigan State in the competition. Terminus was played near Tech's campus in Cumming, Ga.

The season started in the fall, which is widely known in the Ultimate community as the part of the season where colleges mold their teams and prepare for the spring. Teams travel for tournaments week-end after weekend.

"Early in the season we just wanted to get as many people experienced as possible. We went to two big tournaments in the fall season. One was in Greenville, N.C., and we brought a lot of rookies and new players, and after that weekend, we made the distinction between the A-team and B-team. We still did pretty well in that tournament; we made it to the semifinals," Gajarawala said.

The team then went on to Athens for its second competitive fall tournament, one which Gajarawala says is one of the few very competitive fall tournaments in the country.

Tribe managed a winning record and came away feeling hopeful for the more competitive spring season.

"We ended up with a winning record so we did pretty well. We beat like three or four teams that went to Nationals the previous year."

By the time February rolled around, Tribe was looking to continue its impressive run in the fall in the Queen City Tune-Up in Charlotte, N.C. where they went 2-2 in the round robin stage and took an early-round exit to Florida, a top-five team in the country, who is also in the same Atlantic Coast Region as Tech.

"The real college season, though, starts in the spring... and we didn't do as well as we had hoped [in the Queen City Tune-Up]. We lost some games we were capable of winning

**"One of our goals was to raise our national profile, which we're doing slowly but surely. I think a lot of that helped this past weekend at Terminus..."**

## Parag Gajarawala Men's ultimate president

and we ended up finishing No. 11," Gajarawala said.

Over a weekend in late February, the team traveled to San Diego to prove to the West Coast teams there's competition east of the Mississippi, but Tribe didn't get the chance thanks to a guest appearance by horrid weather conditions.

"We had a tournament in San Diego, which was sort of a disappointment because they ended up getting half of their yearly rainfall that weekend, so the games on Saturday and Monday were cancelled. We only had four games, and we only lost one game. It was disappointing because we wanted to go out to the West Coast and prove ourselves to the West Coast teams and we didn't

a chance to do that, unfortunately," Gajarawala said.

"One of our goals was to raise our national profile, which we're doing slowly but surely. I think a lot of that helped this past weekend at Terminus where we played really well all weekend and we ended up making it to the finals where we lost to N.C. State but we ended up finishing second overall out of 32 teams," he said.

The team's next tournament, Centex, will be held in Austin, Texas. According to Gajarawala, Centex is the "single strongest men's tournament this spring season."

The tournament features 24 men's teams and every one of them finished in the top 36 in the country out of the over 380 college teams that play competitively.

A new age has dawned in women's ultimate under the helm of new coach Lori Parham.

"Lori brings to [the team] over 15 years of Ultimate experience, previous coaching experience at Brown University and five National Club Championships Titles won while playing with Lady Godiva in Boston, Mass.

Wreck has already started to see the impact of Lori's teachings on the field. Under her guidance, this season looks more promising than ever for Wreck Ultimate," team member Alexis Hillock said.

Through two tournaments this spring, Mardi Gras in early February and Terminus last week, the women have learned a great deal about where they stand and what needs improving.

"Wreck saw a lot of improvement as a team between Mardi Gras and Terminus, and we expect to do even better in our next tournament, which is College Easterns, on April 2-3 in Wilmington, NC.

After that, it's on to the Ultimate Players Association College Championship series! Our sectional championship tournament will be April 16-17 in Athens, GA," Hillock said.

# ramblin' with

By Edward Tamsberg

# Christine Sheridan junior softball

This year's softball team has taken Tech to a new level, and among the team's leaders is a fresh face at shortstop.

Christine Sheridan is a third-year transfer student from East Carolina University. This past Monday after finishing 5-for-9 and extending her hitting streak to 10 games with Tech's 4-0 victory over UNC, the ACC named Sheridan its softball player of the week.

The 'Nique sat down with this Pasadena, Md. native to talk about her joining up with Georgia's finest softball team and her first impressions of life at Tech.

**'Nique: So, you transferred here from East Carolina University. How did that come about?**

Sheridan: I went to East Carolina for two years out of high school and then after two years I figured out that it wasn't the place I wanted to be as far as academics and softball—it just wasn't getting me where I wanted to be. So over the summer I decided to leave East Carolina. I got my release to transfer and started talking to some schools, most of which just happened to be in the ACC. Georgia Tech showed some interest, gave me some promise for what I could do to help out the team and that is where I made my decision.

**'Nique: Was it difficult adjusting to the team when you first got here?**

Sheridan: No it wasn't because I have always played with good teams in the past like in summer ball, and in high school we dominated our conference. So to come to a ranked school, it wasn't a shock to me. This is what I expected it to be, and this is where I had hoped to be all four years of my softball career.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Junior Christine Sheridan makes a play at shortstop for the Jackets. Sheridan leads the team in batting average and home runs.**

**'Nique: Was the whole transfer intimidating to you or was it just deceptively easy?**

Sheridan: It definitely wasn't easy because it is never easy to leave something you are comfortable with. I knew East Carolina. I had been there for two years. I had friends that I had for two years. So that was tough, but, you know, that is part of life, making adjustments, moving on, got to do what you got to do. I am looking toward the future here. I can't live in the past.

**'Nique: What did you think of classes when you got here? Were you at all surprised?**

Sheridan: Surprised? No, because it is an engineering school, but they definitely were a lot harder, I would say. It was a challenge.

If I could take softball classes I

would be a 4.0, but you know that doesn't happen.

**'Nique: You decided on Economics to be your major. What brought you to that decision?**

Sheridan: I took the introductory classes in my freshman year. I got good grades in them. I was interested. It was what I liked and what I was good at so I just stuck with that.

**'Nique: What have you thought about Atlanta since you first came here?**

Sheridan: I like Atlanta because I grew up in the suburbs, then at East Carolina I was in a more country setting, and now I am in the city and it is cool to be in a different surrounding. I like it because it is different, but it is nothing I didn't expect out of a city.

**'Nique: What do you think about your season so far as a team?**

Sheridan: We are doing well; we could be doing better. There have been some games where one play here or there or one hit here or there would have made a different outcome of the game. But it is a long season, a 70-game season, you can't dwell on past games. We had a rough weekend at the Leadoff Classic where we lost, but we bounced right back. So that shows how tough we are, how strong we can come back from losses.

**'Nique: What about your teammates, did anybody surprise you when you got here?**

Sheridan: No. It was nice to have a pitcher like Jessica, an All-American pitcher that dominates the game, where it is less than three hits in a game. I mean, it is kind of boring on defense, but you need a pitcher like that if you want to get to where we want to get and that is to the Regionals and the Super Regionals and hopefully the World Series.

**'Nique: What do you think about the freshmen?**

Sheridan: The freshmen are really, really promising for our future because they are good now, and they are still babies. They haven't seen a lot as far as college softball goes... It will be exciting to see how they will turnout in three years.

**'Nique: Anybody you are looking forward to playing down the stretch?**

Sheridan: Florida State. I can't wait to play Florida State. They made it to the World Series last year and they are ranked lower than us right now, but they are still a good team. Any ranked team is there for

a reason. I would say they are our biggest rivals just because they are the best competition in the conference. I am ready to play Florida State. Of course, I want to play Maryland because I am from there. My best friend plays second [base] and first on Maryland. So it will be interesting to play against her, and all of our families will be there and friends and they know both of us. So that will be cool but that is more of a personal thing.

**'Nique: What are your expectations or goals for the team by the end of the season?**

Sheridan: Well team goals are to win the ACCs, go to Regionals and hopefully do well in the Regionals, move on to the Super Regionals and ultimately go to the World Series. I want to go to the World Series before I graduate; I am telling all the freshmen below me 'Look we are going to the World Series. I don't care what you have to do. You got three more years to do it. I only got two.' So I want to go soon.

**'Nique: Finally, do you have any superstitions and, if so, what are they?**

Sheridan: I always put my uniform on in the same order, and it is always right to left. That is the big key. If I have my left shoe, I have to put my right shoe on before I can put on the left. I also don't look at my stats.

My freshman year I didn't look at my stats and I was freshman of the year in Conference-USA. Sophomore year I was doing good, started looking at my stats and dropped. I still did well but I could have done a lot better. I just got superstitious. So this year I stopped looking at my stats.



## Softball wins two of three over UNC

Last weekend the softball team played their first ACC games of the season and won two out of three in a home series against North Carolina. The team is now 23-6 overall and 2-1 in the ACC.

In the first game last Friday, Savannah Brown hit a grand slam in the first inning to lead the Jackets as they downed the Tar Heels 12-2. In the second game the Jackets lost 6-4 in eight innings.

In Sunday's game senior Jessica Sallinger threw a complete-game shutout as the Jackets won 4-0.

The softball team is ranked No. 20 in the nation according to the *USA Today*/NFCA poll.

The team plays this weekend in a four-game tournament in Orlando hosted by the University of Central Florida. The next ACC contest is Friday, March 26 when the Florida Seminoles come to Atlanta for three games.

## ACC reprimands Hewitt for remarks

ACC Commissioner John Swofford has issued a public reprimand to men's basketball coach Paul Hewitt for his recent comments criticizing officiating.

Swofford said that any further violations of the ACC's Sportsmanlike Policy "may result in a coaching suspension for one game." Hewitt has publicly apologized.

# Football kicks off spring practice



By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Less than three months after beating Syracuse 51-14 in the Champs Sports Bowl, the football team has started spring practice.**

By Lokesh Padhye  
*Contributing Writer*

The Jackets started their spring practice with two days of workouts at Rose Bowl Field last week. They will continue through this Saturday and then take a week off for spring break before resuming drills from March 29-April 16.

Tech crushed Syracuse 51-14 in the Champs Sports Bowl last

December and posted an eighth consecutive winning season and an eighth straight year of at least seven victories. In the process Tech became one of just eight schools in the nation to play in a bowl game each of the last eight years.

This spring, most fan attention will be focused on the action behind the offensive line. With a highly anticipated open competition at quarterback, that's understandable.

Reggie Ball is expected to be pushed by a pair of redshirt freshmen, Taylor Bennett and Kyle Manley.

Head Coach Chan Gailey wants more consistency out of the position, and Bennett and Manley will get a chance to supplant Ball as the starter. Ball threw 17 interceptions last fall.

The Jackets return former ACC rushing leader P. J. Daniels at tailback and sensational sophomore wide receiver Calvin Johnson, the 2004 ACC Rookie of the Year, to the offense.

Johnson showed how special of a player he is last fall, but he'll need some help in the coming season. Second and third options Nate Curry and Levon Thomas exhausted their eligibility last fall, leaving a vacancy. Damarius Bilbo gets his chance to be a go-to receiver opposite Johnson, while James Johnson, Xavier McGuire, Pat Clark and Chris Dunlap will also compete at the position.

But the Jackets' most pressing issue this spring involves the offensive line that returns only two starters. Tech must replace three starters up front for the second straight year.

Incumbent starters Brad Honeycutt and Matt Rhodes return on the offensive line, but Honeycutt, a two-year starter at right guard, will move to right tackle.

Nate McManus enters the spring as the starting center as Kevin Tuminello continues to struggle with a foot injury. Tuminello was projected as the starting center last fall, but

he never got to the field. He'll see limited action during spring drills.

Three redshirt freshmen will vie for the all-important left tackle spot, while Manfield Wrotto is expected to fill the other open line spot at right guard. Wrotto spent his first two seasons at Tech at defensive tackle, but he was a star offensive lineman in high school.

The Jackets face very little turnover on defense as 10 starters return, led by All-ACC middle linebacker Gerris Wilkinson and two-time All-ACC defensive end Eric Henderson.

Tech's defense was outstanding last fall, ranking 12th in the nation by allowing just 297.9 yards per game, the best figure by a Tech defense since 1991.

Tech welcomes back a pair of productive players in defensive end Travis Parker and safety Chris Reis, as well as two-year starters Reuben Houston at cornerback and Dawan Landry at safety.

The only major move involves Chris Reis, who starred at outside linebacker last season. Reis, who moved from safety to linebacker last spring, must readjust to the defensive backfield and gain experience in pass coverage. He'll play strong safety, with Dawan Landry moving from that spot to free safety to replace All-ACC player James Butler. Philip Wheeler, who has drawn rave reviews, will get a chance to earn the outside linebacker spot to fill out the defense.

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in the ninth inning.

"We just keep trying to get them out, and you are waiting to get that third out in the ninth," Hall said. "They can swing the bats very well as well. The conditions were offensive with the wind blowing out."

The Jackets were in for a milestone day on Sunday. Tech awarded a plaque to Hall before the game to commemorate his 700th career win as a collegiate manager.

The Jackets scored in double figures for a school record eighth consecutive game, including 15 or more in each of the past six.

The win also set the ACC record for most consecutive conference wins with 22.

Wake Forest scored four runs in the first inning to take the early lead, but Blake Wood settled down and then pitched five scoreless innings.

"We changed the way that we were pitching them," Hall said. "We had one idea on how we were going to try to get them out. Then we totally changed the way that we were going to pitch to their hitters. To [Wood's] credit, he did a great job executing those pitches."

The Jackets scored an impressive nine runs in the second to take the lead for good.

Jeremy Slayden and Whit Robins both singled with one out in the inning before Wake Forest's Matt Hammond walked Andy Hawranick to load the bases. Hammond then proceeded to walk in Greene to drive in the first run of the ball game for the Jackets.

Blackwood doubled down the

right field line to empty the bases and give the Jackets the lead as well as what would ultimately be the game winning hit. Wes Hodges singled to drive in yet another run and open up the wound a bit more before the Deacon's tried to frantically get their bullpen ready. Kindell homered to center field on the following pitch to put the Jackets up 9-4. After Hammond walked Slayden, the Deacon's brought in Charlie Mellies to finally end the inning.

Wood was relieved by Weisers in the seventh, who closed out the game for the Jackets and secured the win.

"I got the win for the game when he got his 700th win, so to be out there to finish the game for his 500th [win at Tech] is a great feeling," Weisers said.

"Any time you give up runs early, you hope you can answer the call," Hall said. "That's

been one of the things that this team has done all year. If somebody scores, it seems like we always come in and get some runs. It's big to be able to not only get runs but also take the lead."

The Jackets added three more runs in the bottom of the sixth. Greene hit his second grand slam of the weekend to bring the game to the final margin of 16-5.

"It's another weekend in the league and you have to be ready to go each weekend," Hall said. "Fortunately, we have a chance to play at home and I'm excited about that. I look forward to playing [N.C. State]."

The Jackets will be continuing their home stand over the weekend with a series against ACC foe N.C. State before facing Auburn at home on Tuesday.

**Preview** from page 28

Today's first round game in the NCAA Tournament against the George Washington Colonials marks the second straight season the Jackets have made the NCAA Tournament and entered as a favorite. Tech is the No. 5 seed in the Albuquerque bracket and will face off with George Washington in Nashville, Tenn. at approximately 9:45 p.m.

The Colonials are coming off their first Atlantic 10 championship in school history and tonight's game against Tech marks the first appearance Head Coach Karl Hobbs will make in the NCAA Tournament and is the first since 1999 for the school itself. GW is 3-7 all-time in the NCAA Tournament.

"Basically, I've watched them play a couple of times. I know they like to run and I know they like to press. So that's basically all I know right now," Elder said. Ironically, Tech practiced in George Washington's gym to prepare for the ACC Tournament in Washington, D.C.

Tech had a walk-through and scouting session of George Washington Tuesday night to become more familiar with their personnel and gameplay.

This is Tech's first trip to Nashville in over four decades; at that time Tech was still part of the Southeastern Conference. The Jackets have managed to see George Washington a little more often as tonight marks the third meeting between the two colleges. Tech won both meetings in 1988.

The Tournament game against an Atlantic 10 opponent is only the second under Paul Hewitt in post-season play. The first encounter with the conference came at the hands of St. Joseph's in 2001, which ended in a close four-point loss.

"[George Washington is] a team that is very similar to ours in that we will both get up and down [the court], and we both can score in the 80s and 90s...they are a very athletic

team, and they pressure; they are going to throw different pressures at you," Hewitt said going through a mental list of observations of George Washington.

"They won the A-10. For people that are familiar with the A-10, that is a pretty significant accomplishment, but if you're not familiar with the A-10, just know that they beat Maryland and Michigan State. That pretty much says it all. It will be a big, big challenge," Hewitt said.

**"Basically, I've watched [George Washington] play a couple of times. I know they like to run and I know they like to press. So that's basically all I know right now."**

**B.J. Elder**  
Senior guard

After the conclusion of the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and Tech's amazing run to the championship game last year, Will Bynum let Hewitt know that the best preparation the team got for their unprecedented run to the finals was in the ACC Tournament, where Tech advanced to the semifinals with a buzzer beater by guard Jarrett Jack over North Carolina only to get stymied by Duke.

The Jackets once again prepared for the NCAA Tournament by competing against the ACC's finest. After defeating a tough North Carolina squad and suffering a close loss to Duke in this year's ACC Tournament, Luke Schenscher feels confident he's learned the best way he can to prepare for March Madness.

"Playing in the ACC is pretty

much the best preparation you can get going into the tournament, and having three ACC games in a row like that definitely is something we can use to help us," Schenscher said.

"We played two No. 1 seeds, and we beat one and battled the other one down to the wire. If you can't get any momentum or confidence off of that, then I don't know what would," Jack said at the team's last press conference on Tuesday before leaving for Nashville.

Finally clearing itself of the season-long injury bug, Tech looks to dress all 14 players for the game with senior forward Isma'il Muhammad coming back from treatment on knee tendonitis and Jack resting a low ankle sprain and a bruised shoulder.

Hewitt said that Jack rested the majority of this week. "He didn't work out [Tuesday], but I think that he will be fine," he said.

As the season has progressed, so has Tech with their team chemistry and their ability to win as a unit.

With B.J. Elder and freshman forward Jeremis Smith close to "mid-season form" according to Hewitt, this is a team that is still improving while keeping up with the best in the ACC by recently defeating North Carolina and playing league powers Wake Forest and Duke in close contests that ended in heartbreaking defeats for the Jackets.

Jack has managed to turn those disappointing close losses into motivation to finish last year's unfinished road to an NCAA Championship.

"Nobody wants to go home. It's not like you can just lose and start over and say, 'Alright we're going to do this game over.' Nobody wants their season to end, and I think that's the beauty of the tournament."

"Each time you're going to get that team's best shot. Regardless of what the situation is, it doesn't really matter what seed you are. Everybody is 0-0 right now; it's like a brand new season. You've got to take that approach to every game," Jack said.

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## ROCKIN' THE MOCK

Tech's mock trial team is building a national reputation as a result of its success in top tournaments around the country. **Page 13**

## SPRINGING INTO ACTION

Football is back and swarming Rose Bowl Field for spring practice—find out what positions are up for grabs. **Page 26**



## On to the dance...



## Jackets roar into NCAA Tournament

By Vishal Patel

Tech rolls into the NCAA Tournament against George Washington in Nashville today after topping Virginia Tech 73-54 and defeating top-seeded North Carolina 78-75 before Duke narrowly slipped past the Jackets 69-64 in a thrilling ACC Championship Game. **See Preview, Page 27**

By Raymond Chafin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Baseball adds to streak

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets (16-2, 6-0 ACC) opened up the weekend by defeating Wake Forest 15-5 on Friday night. Tech held off a late-inning rally by the Deacons to preserve a 16-14 victory before finishing off the weekend with a 16-5 victory to sweep the series.

Tech has won 22 consecutive wins in the conference, which is a new ACC record.

The victories also gave Head Coach Danny Hall his 500th win with the Jackets. Hall's career record currently stands at 708-330, and he is 500-213 at Tech.

Jason Neighborgall continued his strong start to the season with another solid outing. The ace pitched six innings, giving up only one earned run and two runs overall. He allowed three hits and five walks while striking out six.

In the first game freshman Matt Weiters hit a solo home run in the third inning before the Jackets and Deacons traded runs during the fifth and six innings. Wake Forest rallied in the top of the seventh inning to score three runs on four hits and close the gap to 7-5.

The Jackets responded in the bottom half of the inning when Wes Hodges hit a solo home run. Matt Weiters followed up with a single to right field and was later driven home by a Mike Trapani single.

With the bases loaded in the seventh, Tyler Greene hit an in-



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Starting center fielder and leadoff batter Danny Payne is batting .416 this season for the Jackets, who have a 16-2 record.

side-the-park grand slam. Greene was aided by the left fielder, who stopped to argue that the play should be ruled a ground-rule double. The six runs in the inning expanded the Jackets lead to a comfortable 13-5 margin.

The next day the two teams met up in a game that had 30 runs scored on 34 hits and seven errors between the two schools. The Jackets were able to fend off a ninth-inning rally to ward off the Deacons 16-14.

With the score of 10-9 in favor of Wake Forest, Tim Gustafson

went to the mound to try to relieve Tech. Gustafson worked two and two-thirds of an inning, allowing one run on three hits before handing over the game to Jordan Crews who picked up his second save of the season by recording the final four outs of the game.

The Jackets responded with three runs in both the sixth and seventh innings to give them an advantage that would hold out against a four-run rally for Wake

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500

The number of wins that Baseball Head Coach Danny Hall has in his career with the Jackets. Last weekend Tech swept Wake Forest in a three-game home stand to give Hall a career record of 500-213 (.701). With five more wins Hall will become the winningest coach in school history.

The Jackets have won 22 straight ACC games which is a new conference record. The team looks to continue their streak this weekend with a three-game home stand against N.C. State. Tonight's game begins at 7 p.m.

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Senior softball pitcher Jessica Sallinger was drafted 22nd overall in the inaugural LPSA college senior draft. In February Sallinger was selected ninth overall in the rival National Pro Fastpitch league.

## Ultimate climbs in rankings

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The men's ultimate frisbee team is shining this spring, the most important period of its year-long season.

Team President Parag Gajarawala said this may be the best squad he's played with in the four years he's been with Tribe, the name given to the top men's team.

As a result of their exceptional play, Tech has started to garner the national spotlight.

"This is the best it's been since I've been down here," Gajarawala said.

In its last two tournaments over the past month, Tribe has only suffered three losses; two of the three have been against top-10 teams according to the Ultimate Players Association—No. 6 British Columbia and No. 8 Illinois. They registered impressive victories over No. 9 Michigan and No. 18 Oklahoma in the same stretch. Tech was No. 20 at the time of the tournament.

The Tuesday release of the RRI rankings gave Tech a 10-spot boost as Tribe cracked the top 10 in the country as the No. 10 team. The UPA, the "governing organization of

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The Tribe, the men's ultimate club team, has registered some impressive wins this season and is ranked in the top 10 nationally.

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## Tennis teams split matches with UGA

The No. 16 women's tennis team beat No. 2 UGA 4-3 Wednesday. Kristi Miller, Dasha Potapova, Alison Silverio and Lyndsay Shosho all won their singles matches to give Tech the upset victory. Miller, ranked No. 24 in the nation, beat No. 4 Shadisha Robinson 2-6, 6-2, 7-6.

The men's tennis team lost to the No. 6 ranked UGA team 5-2 this past Wednesday and dropped to 7-4 on the season. Earlier in the week the Jackets downed the Miami Hurricanes 6-1 for their first conference win this season.

## B-ball dons new shoes for tourney

Nike has designed customized kicks for some of the teams in this year's NCAA tournament. Tech players, if they choose, will wear the custom-designed shoes in today's game against George Washington. The shoes are also available for sale to the general public.